

AMHERST 1959

Town and School REPORTS



ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1959

Also
Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1959

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In this year 1960 when we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Amherst, it is also fitting to dedicate this Town Report to Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.

For the past 30 years he has been a faithful servant of our community not only by his work in Scouting, Parent-Teachers Association and the Congregational Church, but also as the guiding hand of our Town Meetings and in selecting citizens to serve on the Ways and Means Committee.

We take this opportunity to give heartfelt thanks for his long, loyal and faithful service.

In Memoriam

RALPH CLAUDE BILLS

Born in Amherst, New Hampshire, May 23, 1889

Died June 24, 1959

Served as Selectman 1934-1949

Representative in the General Court of N. H.
1939-1945

Member of Lawrence Engine Company

Past President of Men's Club

GEORGE ALFRED KNIGHT

Born in North Berwick, Maine, November 22, 1884

Died September 30, 1959

Served as Selectman 1956-1957

As a member of Zoning Board 1947-1952

Supervisor of Check List 1953-1955

Past President of Men's Club

*I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post;
That here and there I'd paid my fare,
With more than idle talk or boast;
That I had taken gifts divine,
The breath of life and manhood fine,
And tried to use them now and then
In service to my fellow men.*

*I'd like to think that here and there,
When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I lived for gain;
That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I have been worthwhile
That I have paid with something fine,
My debt to God for life divine.*

BY EDGAR A. GUEST

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TOWN OFFICERS — 1959

Moderator

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr. (resigned June 1959)

A. M. Wight

Selectmen

Rae Comerford, 1 year

Allen D. Howard, 2 years

Hermon W. Anderson, 3 years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Highway Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Constable

Albert H. Junkins

Auditors

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Orson H. Bragdon

George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Checklists

Frank L. Pearson

Walter D. Wiggan

Donald O. Young

Sexton of Cemeteries

Clarence H. Hagar

Civil Defense Director

Rae Comerford

Fire Wards

Gordon P. Bowler, Chief

Edward J. Marchildon, 1st Assistant

Robert F. Locke, 2nd Assistant

Trustees of Trust Funds

Meric G. Arnold, 1 year

Edward A. Conti, 2 years

Henry F. Merrill, 3 years

Library Trustees

Henry F. Merrill 1 year

Margaret Seamans 1 year

Cleveland J. Campbell 2 years

Lucy Richardson 2 years

Elizabeth G. Hall 3 years

Howard L. Husmer 3 years

Zoning Officials

Administrative Official and Building Inspector

Allen D. Howard

Board of Adjustment

Hibbert V. Miles 1 year

Allen D. Howard 2 years

Fred Vatcher 3 years

John C. Duff 4 years

Francis O. Lathrop 5 years

**OFFICE HOURS
of
TOWN OFFICERS**

Selectmen

At the Town Hall 2nd and 4th Friday evenings
from 7:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Tax Collector

Office at home — Mack Hill Road, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.
Also every 2nd and 4th Fridays at Town Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Every Monday evening 5:00 to 8:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a. m. - 1:30 p. m.
2nd and 4th Fridays, Town Hall — 7:30 p. m.

General Information

Phone Town Hall	Milford 527
Tax Collector	356-J
Town Clerk	1019
Fire Chief	540-W
Assistant Chief	906
Fire Station	540-M

IN CASE OF FIRE — CALL 80

Road Agent	92-M
Police Chief	Harrison 4-3300

Veteran's exemption blanks must be filed each year
not later than April 15th.

Obtain a permit before burning out of doors. Any
kind of an outside fire is subject to a \$200 fine if started
without a permit.

Every new building, sign, or new business requires
a permit.

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

Town Meeting and Primary Election

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsboro in said state qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls to open at 10:00 a. m. and close at 7:00 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and the ensuing three years.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on 1960 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1960. Any person paying on their 1960 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1959 property tax to be allowed $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ discount on their 1960 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1, 1960.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to purchase advertising space in the 1961 Guide of the Merrimack Valley Region, or act in relation thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1500.00 to continue the plan started in 1956 for the improvement of roads.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve fund for the ultimate purchase of a fire truck when the 1945 truck is no longer suitable for use.

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Amherst Men's Club the balance in its treasury, to be used for the purpose of purchasing a new curtain for stage of the Amherst Town Hall.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to defray the expenses to be incurred in connection with the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Town which occurs in 1960.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$477.25 to replace tractor mower. (The old machine to be traded in).

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for the purpose of raising the grade of the land on the west side of the Meadow View cemetery. (Requested by Sexton).

12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the non-partisan ballot system for the election of town officers as provided in Chapter 59 of the statutes.

13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning ordinance to require a fee of one dollar to be paid to the Administrative Official at the time a request for a building permit is submitted; the fee to be retained by the Administrative Official in payment for his services.

14. To see if the Town will vote to purchase land, now owned by Elna Howard, adjoining the Meadow View Cemetery on the Northeast, for the sum of \$1500, or take any action thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the two old safes in the Selectmen's office, or take any action thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the annual salary of the Fire Chief from \$25 to \$50, and that of the Fire Warden from \$25 to \$50.

17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amended by Chapter 301 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.

(The following three Articles are dependent upon favorable action on Article 17)

18. To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

19. To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis.

20. If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into

effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of adequately furnishing the Selectmen's Office and Municipal Court Room (one and the same room) to bring the facilities of the Municipal Court up to the minimum standards recommended by the Judiciary Advisory Committee of the State. (By Request)

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to purchase replacement tires for Fire Department trucks (\$200.00) and an overhead door on the Fire Station (\$300.00 installed). (By Request)

23. To see if the Town will vote the following amendments, or any of them, to the Zoning Ordinance of Amherst, New Hampshire, as presently amended.

a. Article 1, Section 2, be hereby amended by adding paragraph (g) as follows:

g. No new dwelling shall be erected or constructed, on a lot of land having less than 150 feet of frontage on the principal route of access to the lot, nor on a lot having less than 30,000 square feet of area.

b. Article 1, Section 3, be hereby amended by adding paragraph (d) as follows:

d. No new dwelling shall be erected or constructed, on a lot of land having less than 150 feet of frontage on the principal route of access to the lot, nor on a lot having less than 30,000 square feet of area.

c. Article 1, Section 3, be hereby amended by adding paragraph (e) as follows:

e. Every new building shall be set back from the front property line not less than thirty feet, or such distances as shall conform to the line of existing buildings on adjacent property; and the side of any building facing the front property line shall be parallel thereto. All new buildings shall be set back at least fifteen feet from the side and rear of property lines.

d. Article 1, be hereby amended by adding Section 4 as follows:

Section 4: All areas not covered and/or included in Section 2 (Village District) and Section 3 (Roadside District) shall enjoy the following regulations and restrictions:

A. No land in said district shall be used for a dump, or for a commercial trailer park, or for the location of a trailer for residential purposes, or the storage of abandoned vehicles or discarded materials of any kind, nor used in a manner that is disorderly, unsightly, noxious, or detrimental to the public, or prejudicial to the general welfare.

B. No signs shall be permitted except the following: Federal, Town and State directional and regulatory signs; historic signs; and those signs used to advertise the profession or goods dealt in by the owner or occupant of the property on which placed. No sign or group of signs shall exceed twelve square feet, outside dimensions and shall not be placed so as to obstruct the view of the highway.

C. Any person wishing to erect a new building, addition to present building, establish new business, or erect signs, shall first receive a written permit from the Administrative Official.

D. No new dwelling shall be erected or constructed, on a lot of land having less than 150 feet of frontage on the principal route of access to the lot, nor on a lot having less than 30,000 square feet of area.

E. Every new building shall be set back from the front property line not less than thirty feet, or such distances as shall conform to the line of existing buildings on adjacent property; and the side of any building facing the front property line shall be parallel thereto. All new buildings shall be set back at least fifteen feet from the side and rear of property lines.

e. Article 2 be hereby amended by deleting the period after the word ordinance in line "4" of said article and adding thereafter the words "as provided in Chapter 31, Section 88 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, as amended. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall for each violation upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense." (By Petition)

24. To see if the Town will vote to accept approximately 2700 feet of road, with a 50-foot right of way, to be constructed with gravel, culverts, in accordance with specifications of the State Engineer, Amherst Road Agent and the Selectmen of Amherst, said road to begin opposite Heatons' house and extend approximately 2700 feet in a semi-circle. (By Request)

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty.

RAE COMERFORD,
ALLEN D. HOWARD,
HERMON W. ANDERSON,
Selectmen of Amherst.

PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF AMHERST, N. H.

Section 2

The VILLAGE DISTRICT shall enjoy the following regulations and restrictions.

A. It shall be a district of residences, except that established businesses may remain in their present locations, or may relocate within said District in locations approved by the Board of Adjustment; and new business may be allowed to locate on land in said District only after having appealed to and received from the Board of Adjustment written approval of the establishment of such business. Such business, however, shall be of a nature which is not detrimental to the general welfare, nor contrary to the general intent and purpose of this ordinance.

B. No building at present standing shall house more than three families as permanent residents, and no new buildings shall be erected to house more than two families as permanent residents. A family shall be considered permanent when it has used any building continuously for a period of six months.

C. No land in said district shall be used for a dump, or for a commercial trailer park or for the location of a trailer for residential purposes, or the storage of abandoned vehicles or discarded materials of any kind; nor used in a manner that is disorderly, unsightly, noxious, or detrimental to the public, or prejudicial to the general welfare.

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F. Any person wishing to erect a new building, addition to present building, establish new business, or erect signs, shall first receive a written permit from the Administrative Official.

Section 3

The ROADSIDE DISTRICT shall enjoy the following regulations and restrictions:

A. No land in said district shall be used for a dump, or for a commercial trailer park, or for the location of a trailer for residential purposes, or the storage of abandoned vehicles or discarded materials of any kind, nor used in any manner that is disorderly, unsightly, noxious, or detrimental to the public, or prejudicial to the general welfare.

B. No signs shall be permitted except the following: Federal, Town and State directional and regulatory signs; historic signs; and those signs used to advertise the profession or goods dealt in by the owner or occupant of the property on which placed. No sign or group of signs shall exceed twelve square feet outside dimensions and shall not be placed so as to obstruct the view of the highway.

C. Any person wishing to erect a new building, addition to present building, establish new business, or erect signs, shall first receive a written permit from the Administrative Official.

ARTICLE 2.

Upon any well founded information that this ordinance is being violated, the Administrative Official shall on his own initiative take immediate steps to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1960 to December 31, 1960.

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1959	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1959	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1960
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$17,000.00	\$17,170.33	\$15,000.00
Railroad tax	25.00		
Savings bank tax	100.00	167.89	150.00
Reimbursement a/c Head tax		19.37	
Reimbursement a/c State land	5.00	1.55	
Use of Grader		1,405.80	
Summer maintenance		419.00	
For fighting forest fires		76.98	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	700.00	818.10	800.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	8.00	6.50	6.00
Fines & forfeits, municipal court	100.00	765.51	
Rent of town hall and other buildings	100.00	316.00	200.00
Income from trust funds	200.00	208.75	200.00
Income from departments — Fire		202.01	
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	500.00	486.53	
(b) Sale of old ladders & radio		264.75	
Helmet sold to Mr. Sanford		1.48	
Telephone call		.25	
Perpetual Care — cemetery		775.00	
Income from municipally owned utilities:			
Sale of cemetery lots		135.00	
Motor vehicle permit fees	11,000.00	13,772.77	12,000.00
Tree Committee		65.00	
Refund insurance		60.00	
Donat Corriveau overpayment		12.76	
Amount raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Souhegan National Bank Note:			
Anticipation taxes		10,000.00	
Refund on interest		11.80	

From Local Taxes Other Than

Property Taxes:

(a) Poll taxes—regular @\$2	1,568.00	1,570.00	1,500.00
(b) National bank stock taxes	70.00	80.70	70.00
(c) Yield taxes		1,871.24	
Total revenue from all sources			
except property taxes	\$31,376.00	\$50,685.06	\$29,926.00

Amount to be Raised by

Property Taxes \$224,542.23 \$193,099.14

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1959	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1959	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1960
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00	2,309.68	2,300.00
Election and registration exp.	200.00	133.25	500.00
Municipal court expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses town hall and other			
town bldgs. and clock	2,700.00	2,911.65	2,900.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	1,500.00	1,500.17	1,500.00
Fire dept. and hydrant rental	5,800.00	6,629.95	6,295.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister rust and			
care of trees	2,300.00	2,263.84	2,300.00
Ladders and tires—Fire Dept.,			
Article No. 9	600.00	529.76	
Capital Reserve Fund—			
Article No. 10	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Damage by dogs (see below)			
Civil defense	250.00	160.80	250.00
Health:			
Health dept., including hospitals	50.00	35.00	50.00
Vital statistics	80.00	67.00	80.00
Town dump and garbage removal	400.00	399.50	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Article No. 11—Snowplow	750.00	600.00	
Town maintenance—summer	8,000.00	8,817.70	8,000.00
Town maintenance—winter	9,600.00	13,330.11	9,600.00
Street lighting	2,500.00	2,546.88	2,600.00
General exp. of highway dept.	800.00	866.76	800.00
Town road aid	1,299.63	1,303.55	1,290.78

Libraries:	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	1,000.00	632.79	1,000.00
Old age assistance	3,200.00	3,328.93	3,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and			
Veterans' Associations	200.00	184.00	200.00
Aid to soldiers & their families	500.00	20.00	500.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, including			
band concerts	700.00	696.97	700.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,600.00	1,593.03	1,600.00
Souhegan Nursing Assoc.	200.00	200.00	200.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses,			
including dog damage	250.00	127.00	250.00
Abatements		218.20	
Interest:			
On temporary loans	125.00	860.84	125.00
On long term notes and bonds	750.00		600.00
Outlay for New Construction and			
Permanent Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
Road Improvement Program,			
Article No. 6	1,000.00	992.55	1,500.00
Oiling	9,000.00	9,102.44	9,000.00
Auto permits	700.00	739.00	750.00
Town hall renovation,			
Article No. 8	1,000.00	452.94	
Taxes bought by Town		3,450.13	
Head tax		4,764.50	
Fence around common, Art. No. 7	500.00	254.06	
State bond and debt retirement		433.74	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(a) Anticipation of taxes		10,000.00	
(b) Long term notes,			
Grader \$4000; Bridge \$3000	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Precinct	4,554.24	4,554.24	4,490.80
Trustees of trust funds		2,155.80	
County Taxes	20,000.00	21,288.34	22,000.00
School Taxes	157,321.64	164,000.00	
Total Expenditures			\$287,130.10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1959 **Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1959**

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements 1959	Total Amount Available 1959	Expenditures 1959	Unexpended Balance 1959	Overdrafts 1959
Town officers' salaries	\$2,275.00		\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00		
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00	\$ 32.38	2,332.38	2,309.68	\$ 22.70	
Election and registration	200.00		200.00	133.25	66.75	
Municipal Court	200.00	765.51	965.51	200.00	765.51	
Town hall	2,700.00	316.00	3,016.00	2,911.65	104.35	
Police department	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.17		\$.17
Fire department	5,800.00	543.74	6,343.74	6,629.95		286.21
Health department	50.00		50.00	35.00	15.00	
Blister Rust Care of Trees	2,300.00	65.00	2,365.00	2,263.84	101.16	
Town maintenance:						
Winter	9,600.00	115.00	9,715.00	13,330.11		3,615.11
Summer	8,000.00	725.25	8,725.25	8,817.70		92.45
Road Improvement — Article 6	1,000.00		1,000.00	992.55	7.45	
Oiling	9,000.00	88.53	9,088.53	9,102.44		13.91
Dumps	400.00		400.00	399.50	.50	
General expense of Highway Dept.	800.00		800.00	866.76		66.76
T.R.A.	1,299.63		1,299.63	1,303.55		3.92
Civil Defense	250.00	1.48	251.48	160.80	90.68	
Vital statistics	80.00		80.00	67.00	13.00	

Street lighting	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,546.88	46.88
Libraries	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Town poor	1,000.00	1,000.00	632.79	367.21
Old age assistance	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,328.93	128.93
Soldiers' aid	500.00	500.00	20.00	480.00
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00	184.00	16.00
Parks and Playgrounds	700.00	700.00	696.97	3.03
Cemeteries	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,593.03	6.97
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Damage and legal expenses	250.00	250.00	127.00	123.00
Auto permits	700.00	700.00	739.00	39.00
County tax	20,000.00	20,000.00	21,288.34	1,288.34
Interest on notes	875.00	886.80	860.84	25.96
Precinct tax	4,554.24	4,554.24	4,554.24	
Grader and Bridges Notes	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Article 7 — Repair Common Fence	500.00	500.00	254.06	245.94
Article 8 — Renovation Town Hall	1,000.00	1,000.00	452.94	547.06
Article 9 — Fire Equipment	600.00	600.00	529.76	70.24
Article 10 — Capital Res. Fund,				
Fire Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Article 11 — Snow Plow	750.00	750.00	600.00	150.00
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	\$97,083.87	\$2,664.69	\$99,748.56	\$3,222.51
				\$5,581.68
				3,222.51
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				\$2,359.17

Net overdraft of appropriations

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY INVENTORY

Summary: Inventory, Appropriations and Tax Rate

	1958		1959
Land and Buildings	\$3,130,742		\$3,241,361
Electric Plants	104,000		104,000
Horses	1,900 (38)		2,350 (47)
Neat Stock	1,360 (34)		1,600 (40)
Cows	14,800 (370)		16,400 (410)
Sheep and Goats	680 (85)		728 (91)
Hens	5,565 (24,243)		5,287 (24,787)
Hogs	16 (2)		
Fur-bearing animals and rabbits	150 (60)		140 (59)
Gasoline Pumps	1,125 (9)		1,250 (10)
Wood and Lumber	18,500		23,830
Mills and Machinery	5,700		5,200
Stock in Trade	21,620		29,375
House Trailers	2,400		3,400 (11)
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Totals	\$3,308,558		\$3,434,921
Veterans' Exemption	176,800		179,800
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Net Taxable Property	\$3,131,758		\$3,255,121
Town Appropriations	\$ 87,652.71		\$ 72,529.63
School Appropriations	\$130,297.79		\$157,321.64
Total Appropriations	\$217,950.50		\$229,851.27
Tax Rate per \$100	\$5.88		\$6.70
School rate	\$4.12		\$4.79
Town rate	\$1.76		\$1.91
Precinct rate	\$.45		\$.45

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,275 00
Town officers' expenses	2,300 00
Election and registration expenses	200 00
Municipal court expenses	200 00
Town hall and building maintenance, including clock on church	2,700 00
Police department	1,500 00

Forest fires and hydrant rental	5,800 00
Blister Rust – moth extermination and care of trees	2,300 00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200 00
Oiling roads	9,000 00
Civil Defense	250 00
Health department	50 00
Vital statistics	80 00
Auto permits	700 00
Dump and garbage collection	400 00
Town Road Aid	1,299 63
Town maintenance (summer \$8000) (winter \$9600)	17,600 00
Street lighting	2,500 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	800 00
Libraries	2,200 00
Old Age Assistance	3,200 00
Public Relief (Town poor \$1000) (Soldiers' aid \$500)	1,500 00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	200 00
Parks & playgrounds, including band concerts	700 00
Article 6 – Road Improvement	1,000 00
Cemeteries	1,600 00
Repair and paint Common fence	500 00
Damages and legal exp. (incl. dog damage)	250 00
Repairs – Town Hall	1,000 00
Purchase Fire Dept. equipment	600 00
Snow plow blade	750 00
Payment on debt (principal \$7000) (interest \$875)	7,875 00
Capital Reserve Fund – fire equipment	1,000 00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$72,529 63
County Tax	21,288 34
School Tax	157,570 64
Total Town, County and School	<hr/>
Appropriations	\$251,388 61

**Less: Estimated Revenues
and Credits:**

Interest on taxes	\$ 600 00	
Interest and dividends tax	17,170 33	
Railroad tax	24 30	
Savings bank tax	100 00	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal lands	5 00	
Revenue from yield tax sources	1,200 00	
Dog licenses	700 00	
Fines and forfeits—municipal court	100 00	
Rent of town property and equipment	100 00	
Income from trust funds	200 00	
Motor Vehicle permit fees	11,000 00	
Total Revenues and Credits	-----	31,199 63

\$220,188 98

Plus overlay 1,422 20

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation \$221,611 18

Less: 784 of poll taxes at \$2 \$1,568 00

National bank stock taxes 70 00
----- 1,638 00

Amount to be raised by property taxes \$219,973 18

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes

Town	\$ 62,172 81	
School	157,800 37	
	-----	\$219,973 18

Precinct Taxes 4,569 05

Total Property Taxes \$224,542 23

Poll Taxes at \$2.00 1,568 00

National Bank Stock Taxes 70 00

Total Taxes to be committed \$226,180 23

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$15,178 35
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader Fund	3,696 74
Fire Truck Fund	1,000 00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1958	920 27
(c) Levy of 1957	871 17
(d) Previous Years	47 09
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1959	32,443 30
(b) Levy of 1958	23 52
(c) Levy of 1957	19 04
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1959	1,190 00
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Total Assets	\$55,389 48
Net Debt — December 31, 1958	\$247 76
Net Surplus — December 31, 1959	\$10,911 59
Increase of Surplus	\$10,663 83

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Art. 7 — Repair of Common fence	\$ 245 94
Art. 8 — Renovation of Town Hall	548 06
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes — 1959	
(Uncollected \$1190) (Collected—not	
remitted to State Treas. \$35)	1,225 00
(b) Yield Tax — Bond & Debt Retirement	
(Uncollected \$95.88) (Collected — not	
remitted to State Treas. \$344.63)	440 51
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	14,321 64
Capital Reserve Funds	4,696 74

Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Souhegan Nat. Bank — Bridge Rte. 122	15,000	00
Souhegan Nat. Bank — Grader	8,000	00
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Total Liabilities	\$44,477	89
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	10,911	59
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Grand Total	\$55,389	48

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
Town of Amherst
December 31, 1959

	Grader Serial Notes 2½%	Bridge Rte. 122 Serial Notes 2½%	
Maturity	Original Amount \$16,000	Original Amount \$24,535.58	Total Maturity
1960	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$7,000
1961	4,000	3,000	7,000
1962		3,000	3,000
1963		3,000	3,000
1964		3,000	3,000
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	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$23,000

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 40,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	18,000 00
Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3. Police department, lands & bldgs.	
Equipment	500 00
4. Fire department, lands and buildings	8,000 00
Equipment	19,000 00
5. Highway department, lands and bldgs.	1,000 00
Equipment	18,000 00
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	5,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	130,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
10. Dumps	100 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Harding & Cassidy lot, 2 acres	25 00
Whitmore lot	20 00
Proctor lot, 25 acres	125 00
Winslow lot, 9 acres	15 00
Goodwin building	300 00
Chandler lot	50 00
Gelinas lot, 5 acres	100 00
Melendy lot, 3 acres	25 00

	\$254,760 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

49 ('58) Auto permits Jan. 1-Mar. 31, '59	\$ 195 28
1430 Auto permits Jan. 1-Dec. 31, '59	13,577 49

Total	\$13,772 77

Dog Account

273 Male or spayed dogs	\$546 00
38 Female dogs	190 00
17 Dogs licensed for part of year	29 00
9 Kennels	112 00
Fines	8 50

	\$885 50
Fees for licensing dogs	67 40

	\$818 10

Several dogs are without 1959 licenses.

Notice to owners or keepers of dogs — Chapter 466:1

Every owner or keeper of a dog **three** months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirtieth day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the clerk of the town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its registered number.

Lost tags will be replaced.

50c penalty if not paid before July 1st.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1959

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$224,542 48
Poll	1,570 00
Yield	2,245 49

\$228,357 97

Bank Stock	80 70
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\$228,438 67

Added Taxes:

Property	42 14
Poll	10 00
Yield	35 40

\$228,525 21

Interest	36 06
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Overpayment	86 44
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Total \$228,648 71

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$193,099 14
Poll	1,216 00
Yield	1,724 64
Bank Stock	80 70

\$196,120 48

Interest	36 06
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Discounts allowed	48 87
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\$196,205 41

Uncollected:	
Property	31,523 05
Poll	364 00
Yield	556 25
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	\$228,648 71

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax LEVY OF 1959

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Original Warrant	\$5,285 00
Added	25 00
Total Committed	<hr/> \$5,310 00
Penalties Collected	2 50
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	\$5,312 50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$4,100 00
Penalties	2 50
Total Remitted	<hr/> \$4,102 50
Abatements	20 00
Uncollected Head Tax	1,190 00
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	\$5,312 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes LEVY OF 1958

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959:	
Property	\$31,505 44
Poll	272 00
Yield	343 13
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	\$32,120 57

Added Taxes		
Poll		12 00
Interest Collected		754 30
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Total Debits		\$32,886 87
	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$31,480 45	
Poll	272 00	
Yield	343 13	
	<hr/>	\$32,095 58
Interest Remitted		754 30
Abatements Made:		
Poll		12 00
Property		1 47
Uncollected Property Tax		23 52
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Total Credits		\$32,886 87
Uncollected List:		
Clifford Johnson (Property)	\$23.52	

I hereby certify the above list showing the uncollected property tax in the names of the delinquent as listed to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BARBARA H. LANDRY,
Collector.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax LEVY OF 1958

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1959		\$ 995 00
Added Taxes during 1959		45 00
Penalties Collected		90 50
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		\$1,130 50

	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes		\$ 965 00
Penalties		90 50
Abatements made during 1959		75 00
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		\$1,130 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
LEVY OF 1957

	Dr.	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1959		\$25 00
Penalties Collected		50
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		\$25 50

	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer		\$ 5 00
Penalties Remitted		50
Abated during 1959		20 00
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		\$25 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
LEVY OF 1957

	Dr.	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1959:		
Property		\$65 46
Yield		19 04
Poll		6 00
		<hr/>
Total		\$90 50

	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property		\$47 71

Abated:	
Property	17 75
Poll	6 00
Uncollected:	
Yield	19 04

Total	\$90 50
Uncollected:	
Yield: Novat Bergeron	\$19.04

I hereby certify that the above list of uncollected taxes is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BARBARA H. LANDRY,
Collector.

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1959

	Dr.		
	Tax sale on account of levies of:		
	1958	1957	1956
Taxes Sold Town 1959	\$3450.13		
Balance unredeemed taxes			
Jan. 1, 1959		\$3100.00	\$319.03
Interest collected	32.02	186.82	41.99
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Total Debits	\$3482.15	\$3286.92	\$361.02
	Cr.		
Remittances to Treas.	\$2528.86	\$2228.93	\$271.94
Over-age, W. White	1.00		
Unredeemed	920.27	871.17	47.09
Interest	32.02	186.82	41.99
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	\$3482.15	\$3286.92	\$361.02

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – 1959

Cash on hand January 1, 1959		\$15,636 13
Received from:		
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector		239,509 19
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk:		
Auto permit fees	\$13,772 77	
Dog licenses	818 10	
	-----	14,590 87
Selectmen:		
Pistol permits	\$6 50	
Helmet sold to Mr. Sandford	1 48	
Telephone call	25	
	-----	8 23
Souhegan National Bank:		
Note – anticipation taxes	\$10,000 00	
Refund on interest	11 80	
	-----	10,011 80
Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton:		
Sale of lots		160 00
Gifts – Perpetual Care:		
Mrs. Harry Hartshorn	\$150 00	
Randolph Kruger	150 00	
Mrs. Ralph Bills	150 00	
Miss Olive Boutelle	150 00	
George W. Brown	150 00	
	-----	750 00
Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Fisk Highway Fund		
(Cr. Highway Dept.)	\$ 58 75	
Cemetery Fund	150 00	
	-----	208 75
State of New Hampshire:		
Head Tax reimbursement		
Printing, postage, etc.	\$ 19 37	
Loss taxes, State land	1 55	
Use of grader	1,405 80	
Forest fire reimbursement	76 98	

Summer maintenance, (credit Highway Dept.)	419 00	
Interest and dividends	17,170 33	
Bank tax	167 89	
	-----	19,260 92
Town Hall Rentals:		
Souhegan Grange	\$80 00	
Men's Club	35 00	
Wedding receptions	40 00	
Souhegan Women's Rep. Club	5 00	
Hillsboro Law Enf.	10 00	
Amherst Assemblies	50 00	
Amherst School District, Janitor service	96 00	
	-----	316 00
George H. Howard, Court Clerk:		
Municipal Court fines		765 51
Richard G. Crocker, Road Agent:		
Plowing — Cr. winter maint.	\$115 00	
Credit summer maintenance	283 00	
Sale of oil	88 53	
	-----	486 53
Fire Department:		
Gordon Bowler, Fire Chief		
Kenneth Bratt fire	\$ 16 38	
Max Holland fire	15 28	
Boy Scouts, Reeds Ferry	170 35	
	-----	202 01
Sale old ladders	\$ 50 00	
Payment radio	214 75	
	-----	264 75
Tree Committee:		
Amherst School District (1958)		65 00

Refunds:		
Insurance	\$60 00	
Donat Corriveau overpayment	12 76	
	<u>-----</u>	72 76
		<u>-----</u>
Total Receipts		\$286,672 32
On hand January 1959		15,636 13
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Total		\$302,308 45
Less Selectmen's orders paid		287,130 10
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Balance — December 31, 1959		\$ 15,178 35

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation \$2,275.00

Expended:

Selectmen (3)	\$1050 00	
Tax Collector	650 00	
Treasurer and Clerk	400 00	
Trustee of Trust Fund	75 00	
Auditors (2)	100 00	
	-----	\$2,275 00

Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriation \$2,300.00

Expended:

Expenses and supplies	\$1274 78	
Printing	749 30	
Insurance	285 60	
	-----	\$2,309 68

Election and Registration

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Officers	\$57 25	
Expenses	16 00	
Supervisors	60 00	
	-----	\$133 25

Municipal Court

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Salaries, Justices and Clerk	\$200 00	
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Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Appropriation \$2,700.00

Expended:

Janitor service, supplies and repairs	\$1005 23	
Insurance	695 64	
Fuel, lights, telephone and gas	1210 78	
	-----	\$2,911 65

Police Department
Appropriation \$1,500.00

Expended:

Payments to officers	\$1281	03	
Supplies and equipment	199	89	
Insurance	19	25	
	-----		\$1,500 17

Fire Department (including Hydrant Rental)
Appropriation \$5,800.00

Expended:

Repairs and supplies	\$1399	94	
Insurance	551	93	
Fire Station heat, light & tel.	863	08	
Fire bills	2380	00	
Hydrant rental & water bill	1435	00	
	-----		\$6,629 95

Tree Committee
Appropriation \$2,300.00

Expended:

Pruning and spraying	\$1058	00	
Removal of trees and brush	813	00	
Planting of new trees & supplies	392	84	
	-----		\$2,263 84

Civil Defense
Appropriation \$250.00

Expended:

Radio and supplies			\$160 80
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Health Department
Appropriation \$50.00

Expended:

Health Officer			\$35 00
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Vital Statistics
Appropriation \$80.00

Expended:

Town Clerk			\$67 00
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Town Road Aid
Appropriation \$1,299.63

Expended:		
	State of New Hampshire	\$1,303 55

Street Lighting
Appropriation \$2,500.00

Expended:		
	Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$2,546 88

Libraries
Appropriation \$2,200.00

Expended:		
	Amherst Town Library	\$2,200 00

Town Poor
Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:		
	Groceries and rent	\$403 77
	Medicine and medical care	229 02
	-----	\$632 79

Old Age Assistance
Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:		
	State of New Hampshire	\$3,328 93

Soldiers' Aid
Appropriation \$500.00

Expended:		
	Groceries	\$20 00

Memorial Day
Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:		
	Band	\$160 00
	Wreaths	24 00
	-----	\$184 00

Cemeteries

Appropriation \$1,600.00

Expended:

Clarence Hagar, Sexton	\$1,593 03
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Souhegan Nursing Association

Appropriation \$2,200.00

Expended:

Souhegan Nursing Association	\$200 00
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Damages and Legal Expenses

Appropriation \$250.00

Expended:

Town Counsel	\$100 00	
Dog damage	27 00	
	-----	\$127 00

Auto Permits

Appropriation \$700.00

Expended:

Town Clerk	\$739 00
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Temporary Loans

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	\$10,000 00
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Long Term Notes

Appropriation \$7,000.00

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	\$7,000 00
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Taxes Bought By Town

Expended:

Tax Collector	\$3,450 13
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Abatements

Expended	\$218 20
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Trustees of Trust Funds

Expended:

Paid to Trustees	\$2,155 80
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County Tax		
Appropriation \$20,000.00		
Expended:		
County of Hillsborough		\$21,288 34
Yield Tax		
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$433 74
Head Tax		
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$4,764 50
Interest on Temporary Loans		
Appropriation \$125.00		
Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$120 84
Interest on Long Term Notes		
Appropriation \$750.00		
Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$740 00
Precinct Tax		
Appropriation \$4554.24		
Expended:		
Amherst Village District		\$4,554 24
Article 7. Paint and Repair Fence		
Appropriation \$500.00		
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 38 95	
Supplies	145 11	
Posts	70 00	
	-----	\$254 06
Article 8. Renovation Town Hall		
Appropriation \$1,000.00		
Expended:		
Painting	\$185 00	
Repairs	47 50	

Septic tank installation	220 44	
	-----	\$452 94

Article 9. Purchase Ladders & Tires for Fire Truck

Appropriation \$600.00

Expended:

Painting fire house	\$254 68	
Ladders	173 02	
Tires	102 06	
	-----	\$529 76

Article 10. Establish Capital Reserve

Fund for Fire Truck

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$1,000 00
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Article 11. Purchase of Snow Plow

Appropriation \$750.00

Expended:

E. C. Hazelton	\$600 00
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Amherst School District

Expended:

Bal. of 1958-59 Appropriation \$	21,000 00
On account of 1959-60	
Appropriation	143,000 00
	-----\$164,000 00

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

The following is a summarized report of this Department's activities during the past year.

(1.) Winter Maintenance \$13,330.11. Your Highway Department experienced very severe ice conditions last winter making it necessary to salt and sand roads many times. Because of this we purchased \$2,344.38 worth of salt as compared to \$849.50 in 1958. During the week of January 23, 1959 it was necessary to sand about fifty miles of road at a cost of \$1,461.35. We also had numerous culverts which froze and required the service of a steam jenny to thaw out.

A breakdown of Winter Maintenance Expenses are: Labor — 24 men, 1 foreman \$3,266.82; hired equipment — 11 trucks, 2 tractors, 1 loader \$5,403.00; salt and sand — \$2,609.38; repairs — \$2,050.91.

(2.) Summer Maintenance \$8,817.70. This program included grading thirty-four gravel roads several times, cutting back banks, spot graveling, replacing culverts, replacing one stone bridge, setting posts and signs. Also included in the program is the maintenance of shoulders on all our black roads and cutting brush on all roads. Again we were able to use tractor mowers to cut the majority of the brush. Cost of program: brush — \$3,502.41, spot graveling — \$891.38, culverts — \$839.50, grading and all other work — \$3,584.11.

(3.) Oiling \$9,102.44. Under this program approximately sixteen miles of road were surface treated at a cost of \$7,340.38. Also included is the patching of approximately thirty-nine miles of roads at a cost of \$1,762.06.

(4.) T. R. A. Program. Work was completed on three thousand feet of the road from John's past Gills to Route 101. We have started a new long range program that includes work on the Brook Road, Hubbard's Road, North Street and the road by John Schell's.

Money spent on these roads in 1959 was \$9,970.80. Work done was cutting trees, cutting brush, blasting, cutting banks, etc. This work will be continued until the roads are completed. It was necessary to get fifteen land easements to make this program possible. Cooperation of the landowners is appreciated.

(5.) Article Six of the 1959 Warrant. The money for this article was spent cutting banks on two narrow stretches of road; one from Buttrick's to Gleason's on the Lake Road and below the Hartshorn farm on Christian Hill for about 200 feet; the cost of which was \$992.55.

The grader spent about 1100 hours working on our own roads this year and we also were able to rent it at various times during the summer. A profit of \$1,405.80 was added to the Grader Fund this year as a result of this rental work.

Respectfully submitted,
 RICHARD G. CROCKER,
 Road Agent.

Dumps

	Appropriation	\$400.00	
Hired equipment		\$151 80	
Labor		247 70	
		-----	\$399 50

Article 6. Road Improvement Program

	Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Hired equipment		\$810 00	
Labor		182 55	
		-----	\$992 55

Parks and Playgrounds

	Appropriation	\$700.00	
Repairs and supplies		\$125 57	
Hired equipment		46 00	
Labor		525 40	
		-----	\$696 97

Highway Department General Expense

Appropriation	\$800.00	
Insurance on men and grader	\$554	84
Signs, tools and supplies	311	92
	-----	\$866 76

Oiling Roads

Appropriation	\$9,000.00	
Appropriation	\$9000.00	
Credits:		
O. F. Merrill, MC 3 asphalt	46	93
Wilko Jokinen MC 3 asphalt	41	60

	\$9088	53
Materials	\$5144	69
Hired equipment	2121	55
Labor	1836	20
	-----	\$9,102 44

Summer Maintenance

Appropriation	\$8000	00
Credits (Grader rentals):		
Town of Mont Vernon	19	50
O. F. Merrill	13	00
Edward Mason	10	00
State of New Hampshire	403	00
M. Young	6	50
Town of Milford	130	00
F. Gauthier	19	50
R. Lareau	25	75
A. Grugnale	39	25
Fiske Highway Fund	58	75

	\$8725	25
Supplies and materials	\$1475	25
Hired equipment	3244	90
Labor	4097	55
	-----	\$8,817 70

Winter Maintenance

Appropriation	\$9600 00
Credits	
Mrs. T. J. Lincoln	65 00
H. H. Wilkins, Sr.	25 00
G. Hall	25 00

	\$9715 00
Hired equipment	\$5403 00
Labor	3266 82
Salt, sand and repairs	4660 29
	----- \$13,330 11

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Arrests, including assault, drunkenness, Motor	
Vehicle violations and accidents	21
Fatal accidents, Motor Vehicle	4
Fatal accident, Fire	1
Fatal accident, Drowning	1
Investigations — accidental shootings	2
Warnings — including D. E. Tags, Fire Ban, juven-	
ile, taking youngsters home	135
Stolen property	8
Civil Defense test	1
Aid to various departments	15
Town Hall affairs requiring police	5
Dances and record hops at Baboosic Lake	37
Complaints of various nature — disturbances,	
prowlers, and others	128
Traffic duty and accidents, lake area Sundays and	
holidays	284 hours
Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day,	
Hallowe'en	86 hours
Fire duty	15 hours
Emergency messages delivered	6

Dog complaints, such as stray dogs, dogs killed by motor vehicles, dogs disposed of by police, dog bite cases, etc.	40
False fire alarm	1
Attended Governor's Conference on Driver Training	1

This department has been very busy this past year due to increased traffic, and it would appear that conditions will require a greater amount of time on patrol work. The U. S. Air Force Satellite Tracking Station being built will continue to cause us a headache due to the influx of both construction workers and personnel at the base located on Chestnut Hill. The juvenile problem has caused us to spend a greater amount of time and money than in past years, but we hope to get the continued help and cooperation of parents and citizens in this important work. The facilities at Baboosic Lake were enjoyed by more people than ever, and next summer is expected to equal this record. Our department extends thanks to Lt. Conti, Corporal McBain, Trooper Trentini and all other state troopers who have assisted us, and Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry, Chief Rockwell and members of the Milford Police Department for their cooperation and fine assistance during 1959.

The raincoats and boots purchased this year have been appreciated very much by the men in this department. It will be necessary to ask for a higher budget for 1960 because of the extra work that is expected, including a considerable amount of police work during the 200-year celebration and the greater cost of all supplies, also because of an adjustment in the wages of the men of this department.

In 1960 let us strive to cut the terrible traffic toll by observing the traffic rules and regulations. "Slow Down and Live." Thank you.

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,
Police Chief.

AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT — 1959

In 1959 the Amherst Fire Department had 35 calls of which 14 were still alarms and consisted of the following:

- 4 Building fires
- 9 Brush fires
- 4 Vehicle fires
- 11 Dump fires
- 6 Miscellaneous calls
- 1 False alarm

Members of the Lawrence Engine Company raised funds for the purchase of a two-way radio, to be located in the firehouse and used for Civil Defense, Police and Fire Department business. It has been in operation since October.

Amherst citizens have learned during the past year that fires can take lives as well as property. Life cannot be replaced, property can.

Children playing with matches was the known cause of four fires. This is way above average for a town of our size. Keep matches where they cannot be found by small children. This will save us a lot of trouble and you from much grief.

GORDON BOWLER,
Fire Chief and
Forest Fire Warden.

Fire Prevention Is Everybody's Business

The year 1959 was fortunate from a forest fire standpoint. New Hampshire had the best record in the nation. Fewer acres were burned, suppression costs were substantially reduced and damage to woodlands held to a minimum. The record resulted from a com-

bination of favorable weather conditions, an alert warden service and a cooperating public.

Yet, despite all this, there still persists a disturbing note.

58%, or 6 out of every 10 fires in 1959 were caused by careless smokers and debris burners.

10%, or 1 out of every 9 fires was caused by children.

Careless, indifferent, thoughtless and independent minded individuals and failure of parents to properly supervise children and keep matches out of their reach, annually cause these unnecessary fires which cost large sums to extinguish and cause extensive damage. The elimination of these three causes of fires would radically change this picture. The rules are simple —

1. Before burning, secure a permit from your local forest fire warden — the law requires it.

2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning.

3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

4. Don't throw lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes from moving vehicles — use your ash tray.

5. Don't burn at home. Use your town dump and save yourself much possible difficulty, both personal and financial.

Number of local fires	10
Number of acres burned	16
Number of permits issued	269

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD,
District Fire Chief.

GORDON P. BOWLER,
Forest Fire Warden.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Amherst is quite on the map with the Satellite Tracking Project. Some day maybe dignitaries may ride over our Chestnut Hill roads by our Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Now we can be proud that an old blueberry pasture of a cemetery is all graded and grassed over and mowed, making a tidy piece of property, with an expense roughly of \$366.60 for 1959 (\$135.00 for 1958).

Attention

Our greatest problem now is a village cemetery. The Committee has not been able to locate a desirable field that is dry and sandy as yet. Something has got to be done pretty soon. Your Sexton has looked over the lower part of the land purchased quite a few years ago that is below the tool house. Last Fall the land was about as full of water as any Spring freshet, and I find that it needs about four feet of fill at the lowest end and less as it nears the tool house. We are having the trees cut down next to the Jacobson property and if this land could be used there are about 60 lots.

Furthermore my suggestion would be to buy the Elna Howard field for future addition to the Meadow View Cemetery. (For benefit of those not acquainted with this piece of land, it joins Meadow View on the northeast.) If this is sold as a house lot at any time, in a few years the town will be confronted with a worse problem. I understand this can be purchased for \$1500.00. At present a near-by resident is requesting \$4000.00 for burial privileges on this land.

We haven't sold any lots to non-residents for two years on account of the shortage but have sold eight lots to townspeople this past year.

There were 30 burials in 1959, 17 being from out of town.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1959	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 559 21
Manchester Savings Bank	3,024 74
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
Dividends and interest received in 1959	3,208 11

	\$8,792 28
Expenditure in 1959	\$2,098 18
Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1959	
Souhegan National Bank	350 76
Manchester Savings Bank	4,343 12
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22

	\$8,792 28

Grader Fund

On hand Jan. 1, '59: Manchester Sav. Bank	\$2,213 25
Deposit in 1959	1,405 80
Interest earned in 1959	77 69

	\$3,696 74

Capital Reserve for Fire Truck

Deposit in 1959	\$1,000 00

On hand December 31, 1959	\$1,000 00

MERIC G. ARNOLD,
 EDWARD A. CONTI,
 HENRY F. MERRILL,
 Trustees of Trust Funds.

Report of Investment of Common Trust Fund "A" of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1959

No. of Shares or Other Units		HOW INVESTED		COMMON TRUST - PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT "A"				
				Balance Beginning Year	Receipts	Capital Gains Cash	New Cost	Transfers
Jan. 1 1959	Dec. 31 1959	Description of Investment		\$19,457.09	\$9,797.59			\$9,797.59
		Manchester Savings Bank, Principal a/c A						\$ 9,659.50
		Transferred from Manch. Sav. Bank to Manch. Fed.						
		Sav. & Loan Assoc.						
1739	106	Incorporated Investors Trust		8,669.85		\$ 5.43	\$8,664.42	9,797.59
1175	10	Massachusetts Investors Trust		7,713.39		7.20	7,706.19	8,664.42
523	33	Chemical Fund		4,784.96		5.35	4,779.61	7,706.19
	523	Chemical Fund 2 for 1 stock split						4,779.61
620	21	Fidelity Fund, Principal a/c		4,868.78		7.91	4,860.87	4,860.87
376	14	Broad Street Investors 2 for 1 stock split		7,935.30		.30	7,935.00	7,935.00
	376	National Investors						4,860.87
956	21	Total Capital Gains in '59: Manchester Savings Bank		7,955.63		9.60	7,946.03	7,946.03
						\$35.79		35.79
				\$61,385.00	\$9,797.59			\$9,797.59
								\$61,385.00
				COMMON TRUST A - INCOME ACCOUNT				
				Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance End Year
		Southegan National Bank						\$ 350.76
		Manchester Savings Bank		559.21				3,797.36
		Fidelity Fund Income a/c		2,708.36				2,000.22
248	8	Income from Principal Account A		2,000.22	\$2,584.87			
		Income from Income Account A			237.65			
		Perpetual Care and Maintenance of Cemeteries				\$ 962.90		
		Town of Amherst; Cemetery Improvement				150.00		
		Amherst Town Library				343.96		
		Amherst School District				426.46		
		Town of Amherst; Highway Maintenance				58.75		
				\$5,267.79	\$2,822.52	\$1,942.07		\$6,148.24

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1959

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Received	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year		
1952	Common Trust Fund A	Cemetery Library School Highway	Refer to accompanying report for details	\$61,385.00			61,385.00	\$5,267.79	\$2,822.52	\$1,942.07	\$6,148.24		
1930	Special Cemetery Fund B			1,604.34									
1954	New Funds B			1,250.00		\$66.00	1,670.34						
1955	New Funds B			950.00									
1956	New Funds B			1,255.00									
1957	New Funds B			603.04									
1957	New Funds B			900.00									
1958	New Funds B			3,550.00									
1959	New Funds B					\$ 750.00			10,258.04	316.38	385.59	156.11	545.86
1959	New Funds B					\$71,497.38	1,000.00		\$73,313.38	\$5,584.17	\$3,208.11	\$2,098.18	\$6,694.10

DETAILS OF NEW FUNDS

Mrs. Harry Hartshorn	\$150.00
Randolph Kruger	150.00
Harry Bontelle	150.00
Ralph C. Bills	150.00
George Winthrop Brown	150.00

° Income and Expenditures included below

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

Age and the Dutch Elm Disease continued to take their toll last year of our Maples and Elms in the Village. However, we were fortunate that only a few of our larger Elms were condemned.

The Dormant and Cover Sprays in the Spring by the Town and most private property owners continues to hold the Dutch Elm Disease in check as much as is possible.

Cutting and removal of condemned trees remain the largest single expense.

Replanting now is the key for the future of Amherst — both for maintaining its desirable colonial atmosphere and its ground water-level.

We urge all property owners to watch carefully the condition of their trees — and welcome any opportunities where we may be of assistance.

Respectively submitted,
G. WINTHROP BROWN,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chr.

January 20, 1960

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

During the year of 1959, there were 25 applications for the erection or alteration of buildings and erection of signs within the town covered by the Zoning Ordinance and Building Regulations on which permits were issued as follows:

Dwelling houses	11
Dwelling house alterations	9
New Business	1
Kennel	1
Garage	1
New sign	1
Barn	1

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Total Permits 25

ALLEN D. HOWARD,
Administrative Official.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

We request an appropriation for 1960 of \$2500., an increase of \$300 over the \$2200 requested for 1959. The reasons for this increase are:

(1) The hours during which the library is open have been: Tuesdays 10-12 (while school is in session) and 2-5, Fridays 2-5 and 7-9. A desire has been expressed that the library should be open two evenings a week for the period that the schools are in session and it is proposed to do that. The extra costs of doing this are estimated to be: Librarian's salary \$100, lights \$20 and fuel \$30.

(2) The lawn in front of the library is in very poor condition, also there is need of a sign giving better indication that our building is the library and stating the hours during which it is open. With the year 1960 as the Anniversary year, these two things should be

tended to. We have therefore asked for an increased amount for "building and grounds" of \$50.

(3) In 1957, we placed our orders for magazines on a three year basis, spreading that cost over 1957 and 1958. There was an expenditure under that heading in 1959 of only \$6. In 1960, we shall need an amount of at least \$100.

Our budget for 1960 is estimated:

Income	
Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Trust funds	400 00
Miscellaneous, gifts, fines	200 00

	\$3,100 00

Expenditures	
	\$3,100 00
Books	\$ 900 00
Magazines	100 00
Librarian's salaries	1,200 00
Janitor's salary	150 00
Building and grounds	150 00
Lights	120 00
Fuel	430 00
Supplies	50 00

	\$3,100 00

The list of trustees is:

Margaret Seamans	1 year
Henry F. Merrill	1 year
Cleaveland J. Campbell	2 years
Lucy Richardson	Serving temporarily
Elizabeth G. Hall	3 years
Howard L. Husmer	3 years

Yours very truly,

HENRY F. MERRILL, Secy.-Treas.

January 7, 1960

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

In compliance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (202:10 and 202:11) we give our annual report of the trustees:

Financial Report — The report of our treasurer on the general operating account and on the Mary B. Upham Fund is appended hereto.

Improvements to Buildings and Grounds. The 24 roller shades which were so dried out as to be brittle and dirty, were replaced by new green and white shades. Wall plugs were installed in the two north rooms; also two lights and a wall plug were installed in the basement. We propose during this year to replace the lawn in front of the building by a new one and to place a sign near the road to more clearly mark the library and to state the hours during which it is open.

Insurance. Fire insurance and public liability insurance for the library are now included in policies carried by the Town on all town buildings with the exception of the school buildings.

Evening Hours. The evening hours during which the library is now open are only on Fridays. It is proposed to open the library on a second evening early in the week during the school year.

Gift. The trustees acknowledge with thanks a further gift from Mrs. Frederick W. Mosher of \$500. This has been placed with the Trustees of Trust Funds, the income to be credited to the library annually.

CLEAVELAND J. CAMPBELL,

Chairman

ELIZABETH G. HALL

HOWARD L. HUSMER

LUCY RICHARDSON

MARGARET SEAMANS

HENRY F. MERRILL, Secretary

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

The year 1959 comes to a close with one outstanding feature of our Library, activity. Our circulation has risen from 15,580 to 18,200, a jump of 2,620.

In March, National Library Week was observed with many excellent exhibits of the work of our school children. These were arranged by the pupils with the help of their teachers. It proved very interesting to the townspeople and I hope that again we may have a similar display for our National Observance of Library Week.

Very attractive art posters have been displayed throughout the year by the art teacher, Mr. Childs. The Library appreciates his efforts.

Another activity that proved quite worthwhile and also interesting was the summer vacation reading contest. Prizes were awarded to the two winners in which 27 young people took part.

If you will note in a previous report of your Library, we are asking for an increase in funds. As our town and schools continue to grow, more up-to-date material must be made available to meet these demands. The increase in the circulation bears this fact out.

This year we have begun the major task of re-cataloguing the entire library. This means many extra hours of work. At the same time we are weeding out the very old fiction and out-dated non-fiction books. Many of these must be replaced at quite an expense.

We are very grateful to the following people for their gifts of money, books and magazines during the year:

Mrs. Frederick Mosher, Mr. Cleaveland Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wight, Amherst Historical Society, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes, Mrs. Carroll Chase, Mrs. Norwin S. Bean, Pupils of the Amherst Schools, Mrs. Guy Copeland, Mrs. Rufus Brown, Mr. Gordon

Mann, Mrs. Arne Weimont, Mr. Shirley Carr, Mr. Creeley Buchanan, Mr. Frank Pearson and Mrs. Richard Crocker.

New books added to the library collection are classified as follows:

Adult fiction	98
Adult non-fiction	65
Juvenile fiction	98
Juvenile non-fiction	110

Total number added	371
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Circulation figures for the year are as follows:

Adult fiction	4093	Juvenile fiction	7932
Adult nonfiction	1433	Juvenile non-fiction	3405
Magazines	1337		
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	6863		11,337

Grand Total 18,200

In closing, I wish to thank Mrs. Robert Seamans for the flowers and Christmas arrangements that she has contributed to the Library and also to the trustees who have so willingly co-operated with me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION U. NELSON.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1959, cash on hand	\$ 237 41
Appropriation	2,200 00
Trust Funds — 1958 additional income	150 07
Trust Funds — part of 1959 income	215 00
Misc., gifts, fines and sales of books	210 23
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	\$3,012 71

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	\$ 828 30
Magazines	6 00
Librarians' salaries	1,083 50
Janitor's salary	133 21
Building and grounds	76 40
Lights	96 62
Fuel	402 33
Supplies	39 11
December 31, 1959, cash on hand	347 24

	\$3,012 71

Mary B. Upham Fund

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1959, cash on hand	\$896 65
Bank interest	37 85

	\$934 50

DISBURSEMENTS

Milford Home Furnishings, 24 roller shades	\$145 62
O. P. Fisk, new lights and wall plugs	34 16
December 31, 1959, cash on hand	754 72

	\$934 50

HENRY F. MERRILL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICES OF THE AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

The case load of the Amherst Municipal Court more than doubled during the past year. The Court handled in excess of 160 cases in the regular course of business, exclusive of juvenile matters. The tendency to larger case loads is understood to be rather general throughout the state and is not peculiar to this Court.

The Justices have requested an appropriation for certain facilities deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the future work of the Court. Among these items are a state flag, a suitable bench from which to conduct the work of the Court, a duplicating receipt device and certain other items of a minor nature. These items are considered necessary. A concerted effort is being made by the Administrative Committee of the Municipal Courts of New Hampshire to establish standards for minimum acceptable Court Room conditions. The items the Court proposes to acquire will bring the facilities of the Amherst Municipal Court up to those minimum standards.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. LINCOLN, Justice
WILLIAM C. VOSE, Associate Justice

AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1959	\$ 90 37
Fines and fees collected	1,712 80
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	\$1,803 17

Payments

Motor Vehicle Department	\$1,021 50
Town Treasurer	765 51
Maxwell Press, supplies	7 56
Barbara Cuphill, witness fees	8 60
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	\$1,803 17

GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified
to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said Amherst on Friday, the 11th day of March next, at
eight of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the
following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the
ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be neces-
sary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and
make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Village District will vote to ex-
tend the Village District approximately 2700 feet over
a newly laid out road, beginning opposite Heaton's
house and extending approximately 2700 feet in a semi-
circular direction, as appears on plan of said road, and
extend the water mains to serve the area within said
extension of the District, all in strict accordance with
the By Laws of the District.

4. To transact any other business which may legal-
ly come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 20th day of
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and sixty.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,

Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

Your Village District continues to make steady financial progress. Indebtedness has been reduced to \$113,000.00 on the system which cost approximately \$157,000.00 to install in 1951.

Currently there are 158 subscribers as compared to 106 in 1951.

The amount to be raised by precinct tax in 1960 will be \$4490 compared to \$4554 in 1959. Provision is made in the 1960 budget for another \$6,000.00 reduction in principal indebtedness. Our reserve has been built up \$2,000.00 in anticipation of major maintenance items such as the painting of the tank.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Supt. Marchildon and Kruger your district is being efficiently and economically maintained.

We join with all the residents of the district in paying tribute to the late Carl Peterson for his faithful service as a Commissioner from 1953 to 1959.

OTTO NEUGEBAUER, Chairman
HARRY MITIGUY
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1959

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	\$	2,363	27
Accounts Receivable, including			
December 31 bills		2,559	20
Total Current Assets	-----	\$	4,922 47
Water System:			
Land and buildings	\$	679	60
Wells, pumps, mains, etc.		150,252	71

		\$150,932	31
Fire alarm system		6,700	00
Total Fixed Assets	-----		157,632 31

Total Assets			\$162,554 78

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$113,000	00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	49,554	78
	-----	\$162,554 78

RANDOLPH KRUGER,
Treasurer.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Enuing Year
January 1, 1960 to December 31, 1960

Compared to

Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous
Year January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

RECEIPTS

	Estimated 1959	Received 1959	Estimate 1960
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 328.70	\$ 328.70	\$ 363.27
Reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Total	\$ 1,328.70	\$ 1,328.70	\$ 2,363.27
Income Water Service			
prior year (4th quarter)	\$ 2,705.76	\$ 2,705.76	\$ 2,559.20
Income Water Service			
current year (1st 3 quarters)	2,900.00	3,562.61	3,000.00
Total Income Water Service	\$ 5,605.76	\$ 6,268.37	\$ 5,559.20
Hydrant rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Precinct tax	4,554.24	4,554.24*	4,490.80
Total Receipts	\$12,853.70	\$13,516.31	\$13,778.27

EXPENDITURES

Bonds called and cancelled	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	2,610.00	2,610.00	2,475.00
Supt. salary	500.00	500.00	600.00
Ass't. Supt. salary	75.00	75.00	100.00
Tax Collector's salary	50.00	50.00	75.00
Accounting salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Meters (repairs)	150.00	150.00	150.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,067.00	1,200.00
Operating supplies & maintenance	250.00	252.15	200.00
Service connections	100.00	0.00	100.00
Water tests	15.00	1.08	15.00
Office supplies and printing	150.00	84.28	100.00
Insurance	125.00	124.55	125.00
Fire alarm	100.00	21.00	75.00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	328.70	363.27	363.27
Reserve	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$12,853.70	\$13,516.31	\$13,778.27

*To be raised by taxes 1960

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1959

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
1958			
Dec. 19, Conway, S.C.	Robert Hector Levesque	19	H. E. Blanton
	Frances Louise King	16	Probate Judge
1959			
Jan. 31, Hudson	Regent R. Caron	28	Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier
	Mona P. Delude	21	Priest
Feb. 6, Amherst	Ronald Newell Middleton	20	Rev. John Linzee
	Susan Gale Warford	20	Clergyman
Feb. 7, Manchester	Carl Iver Peterson, Jr.	30	John Wilcox
	Eleanor Jane Carlin	22	Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14, Amherst	Claude L. Johnston	20	Robert J. Penberthy
	Doreen C. McLaughlin	17	Clergyman
Mar. 14, Amherst	Ronald G. McCormick	27	Rev. Hermon W. Anderson
	Helen E. Sandford	24	Clergyman
Mar. 18, Amherst	Weston Turner		
	Buddington, Jr.	22	Catherine A. Kruger
	Dorothy Anne O'Donnell	20	Justice of the Peace
Mar. 28, Amherst	David Morgan Orth	24	Rev. John Linzee
	Mary Ann Babcock	20	Clergyman
Apr. 11, Amherst	George Stanley Howard	27	Rev. John Linzee
	Brita Diane Page	20	Clergyman
Apr. 11, Derry	Arthur William Nichols	18	Nyles H. Eaton
	Beverly Grace Brooks	16	Elder Church of Nazarene
Apr. 13, Amherst	Ernest S. Reid	70	Catherine A. Kruger
	Dolores T. Innes	47	Justice of the Peace
Apr. 18, Amherst	Charles Henry Carter, Jr.	21	Catherine A. Kruger
	Deanna Geraldine Rocca	19	Justice of the Peace
Apr. 20, Amherst	Richard Mitchell	26	Catherine A. Kruger
	Dorothy Diane Vasil	20	Justice of the Peace
May 23, Amherst	James William Russell	41	Catherine A. Kruger
	Doris May Bailey	36	Justice of the Peace
May 23, Amherst	Arthur Linwood Guimond	27	Catherine A. Kruger
	Gail Ann Sylvester	20	Justice of the Peace
June 6, Amherst	George Stevens Masten	26	Rev. John Linzee
	Judith Gore	21	Clergyman
June 8, Amherst	Frances G. Manning	31	Catherine A. Kruger
	Dorothy M. Landry	19	Justice of the Peace
June 18, Amherst	Prince C. Powell	28	Catherine A. Kruger
	Ellen Wilder Wilson	17	Justice of the Peace
June 20, Manchester	Dalton Elwin Jewett	28	Rev. James T. Crowley
	Ianet Florence Hoague	23	Priest
June 25, Amherst	Oliver T. Charlebois	23	Catherine A. Kruger
	Barbara Ann Fontaine	18	Justice of the Peace
June 27, Amherst	Robert L. Shirlhart	20	Catherine A. Kruger
	Lillian M. Jutras	24	Justice of the Peace
July 11, Amherst	John Archer Silver III	20	Rev. John Linzee
	Betsy Ann Orth	21	Clergyman
July 11, Amherst	Albert Edgar Gammell	53	Rev. John Linzee
	Dolores Lawlor Alexander	44	Clergyman
July 11, Amherst	Kenneth Scott Cassidy	26	Rev. John Linzee
	Gioia Sears Davison	30	Clergyman
Sept. 5, Milford	Roger John Slingsby	30	Rev. H. W. Holder
	Barbara Claire Byrne	25	Episcopal Priest
Sept. 13, Amherst	Richard W. Bowman	33	Catherine A. Kruger
	Hazel E. Parks	36	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 10, Milford	Richard G. McDonald	20	Rev. George Higgins
	Iane Louise Wardwell	18	Clergyman
Oct. 16, Amherst	Joseph Allen	46	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Dorothy Wood Parker	39	Clergyman
Oct. 18, Manchester	John Paul Carton	50	Rev. J. Norman Barrett
	Clara Flanders Brown	46	Clergyman
Oct. 24, Amherst	Robert Winston Hakala	23	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Judith Ann Harding	18	Clergyman
Nov. 14, Amherst	Harold Richard		
	Whitman, Jr.	22	Catherine A. Kruger
	Judith Grace Johnson	21	Justice of the Peace
Nov. 26, Amherst	William Purnell Wolfe	26	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Patricia Marie Stockwell	20	Clergyman
Dec. 13, Wilton	Merton W. McCoy	29	H. D. Cheever
	Georgia M. Noyes	21	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 26, Amherst	Richard Francis Grant	20	Rev. D. C. Thompson
	Rosalind Russell	20	Clergyman

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1959

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
1958			
Nov. 21, Nashua	Janet Elizabeth	Norman Hall	Ann Elizabeth Morgan
1959			
Jan. 16, Manchester	Philip Martin	John Robert Barlow	Cynthia Bravendar Ray
Jan. 17, Nashua	Michael John	Roland Ronald Thibodeau	Carole Anne Perry
Jan. 20, Nashua	Robert John	Leo Oswald Lutz	Evelyn Maude Sterndale
Jan. 26, Nashua	Michael Major	Arthur George Charron	Catherine Veronica Buckley
Jan. 30, Nashua	Sandra Lee	Sylvio Aurel Prevost	Gloria Wendy Nason
Mar. 14, Nashua	Doreen Tammy	Elmer Robert Jones	Virginia Irene Bigham
Mar. 16, Nashua	Paul Frederick	Frederick Erwin Seeling	Jane Woodbury
Mar. 31, Nashua	Carlton Lee, Jr.	Carlton Lee Carter	Betty Ann Gillingly
Apr. 2, Nashua	William Alfred, Jr.	William Alfred Lemire	Betty Ann McQuade
Apr. 3, Peterboro	Timothy Alfred	Ernest Alfred Sweeney	Margaret Ann Glover
Apr. 4, Nashua	Franklyn Gerard	Charles Richard Evans	Victoria Mabel McAlister
Apr. 20, Nashua	Margot Patria	Henry Ellis Harris, Jr.	Mary Ann Crisp
May 4, Nashua	Michael James	Kenneth Milburn Goodwin, Jr.	Leone Mary Berwick
May 5, Nashua	Randy Monte	Harold Herbert Blake	Barbara Ruth Robinson
May 18, Goffstown	Doris May	Frederick A. Carlin	Virginia Mary Miner
June 2, Nashua	Donna Lee	James Peter Pollard	Ruth Madora Naylor
June 11, Nashua	James Steven	James Young	Josephine Mercer
June 21, Nashua	James Seymour	Robert Coolidge Potter	Jane Elizabeth Seymour
June 21, Nashua	Robert Spaulding	Robert Coolidge Potter	Jane Elizabeth Seymour
June 30, Medford, Mass.	Robert Gerard	Judy Cauther	Mary Elizabeth Neary
July 2, Nashua	Daniel Eric	Ronald Stephen Labounty	Alma Hill
July 17, Manchester	Debra Frances	Herbert William Wenzel	Pauline Marie Charest
Aug. 4, Nashua	Joseph William	Joseph Albert Luongo	Dorothy Jane Speck
Aug. 28, Nashua	Laurence Theodore, Jr.	Laurence Theodore Kelley	Hilda Katrina Smith
Aug. 27, Nashua	Michael Francis	Francis Joseph Mercier	Jeanne Lucille Dupont
Aug. 29, Nashua	Sarah Anne	Raymond D. Ouellette	Helen Kambour Bedell
Sept. 15, Nashua	Jeanne Mariah	Gregory John Brown	Madeline Beatrice Newbold
Sept. 16, Manchester	Richard Everett	Richard Gibson Crocker	Jean Elizabeth Davis
Sept. 23, Nashua	Mark Wayne	Robert Hector Levesque	Frances Louise King
Oct. 2, Nashua	Dale Robert	Horace Edward Thomas	Marjorie Nettie Patten
Oct. 3, Manchester	Patricia Ann	William H. P. Hopkins	Anne Louise Gray
Oct. 25, Nashua	Douglas Lawrence	Frank Spencer Millward	Ivy Waddilove
Nov. 18, Nashua	Nancy Minnie	Norman Patterson Proctor	Lovina Alice Brown
Nov. 23, Nashua	Jessica	Erik Brown	Emmaline Ellis Weber
Dec. 10, Nashua	Diane Marie	Harold Normand Dion	Anne Marie Dube
Dec. 12, Nashua	Douglas John	John Edward Bowler	Marcia Lucille Vatcher

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1959

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 4 Westwood, Mass.	Walton Eldon Smith	73	Walter Smith	Flora Clay
Mar. 6, Nashua	Robert P. Bryant	62	Charles P. Bryant	Clara Paige
Apr. 13, Manchester	Guy Ellery Bills	71	Arthur A. Bills	Mary A. Bradford
Apr. 19, Amherst	Howard Revere Locke	75	Edwin F. Locke	Emma P. Boylston
May 9, Amherst	Richard Hewitt Brown	4	George W. Brown	Phyllis Hewitt
May 11, Concord	Harry F. Hartshorn	74	David Hartshorn	Nelly Boutwell
May 11, Amherst	Ernest Eugene Williams	74	Edward C. Williams	Nellie A. Chandler
May 16, Amherst	Albert Heald Jackson	82	James M. Jackson	Melissa Lang
May 22, Amherst	Jean Paul Tremblay	22	Joseph Tremblay	Eveline Theberge
May 22, Amherst	Lionel Sylvio Parenteau	17	Deus Parenteau	Bertha Vincent
June 13, Boston, Mass	Arthur W. Moody	46	Arthur E. Moody	Iva Hoppins
June 24, Amherst	Ralph Claude Bills	70	Arthur A. Bills	Mary A. Bradford
July 13, Amherst	Ectus J. Trombly	71	Corlis Trombly	Jula Firkey
Aug. 16, Amherst	Newton Sherman Stockwell	22	Newton L. Stockwell	Margaret L. Sherman
Aug. 17, Nashua	Preston Henry Davis	22	Donald H. Davis	Dorothy P. Johnson
Aug. 29, Amherst	Bessie Lovisa Gage Silva	70	Charles Henry Gage	Ida Preston
Sept. 20, Amherst	Henry Alfred Davis	58	John Davis	Cora Marshall
Sept. 23, Nashua	Myrtie Bell Fall	76	Theodore Thompson	Carry Bodge
Sept. 30, Nashua	George Alfred Knight	74	Nathaniel Knight	Adelaid Deering
Oct. 23, Amherst	Raymond Frazier	53	Harold Frazier	Anna May Calmiche
Oct. 26, Milford	Lettie Ellen Hatch	93	Horatio J. Kemp	Beulah R. Wilcox
Nov. 11, Amherst	Carl E. Peterson	66	Lars F. Peterson	Nellie Pearson
Nov. 26, Nashua	Violet Bates Wilkins	73	George E. Bates	Lillian L. Fisher
Dec. 4, Nashua	Marvin Evans Johns	52	Jack Johns	Emma Evans
Dec. 7, Concord	Elizabeth Ray Huntington	89	John W. Ray	Eleanor MacDonald
Dec. 27, Amherst	Joseph Blood Harriman	79	Nathan Harriman	Martha Blood
Dec. 31, Metznack	Daniel J. Mahoney, Jr.	57	Daniel J. Mahoney	Bridget Broderick

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew.
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive –
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Al. Frink

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
Jan. 8, Nashua	Katherine Theresa Cassidy	83	St. Patrick's
Jan. 16, Milford	John Thomas Smith	80	St. Patrick's
Feb. 4, Milford	Margaret Garrity	97	St. Patrick's
Mar. 16, New Ashford Mass.	William A. Johnston	61	St. Patrick's
Apr. 17, Roslindale, Mass.	David Lawrence Wilson	64	Meadowview
Apr. 18, Nashua	Arthur Doucet	67	St. Patrick's
May 6, Worcester, Mass.	Ann L. Doyle	79	St. Patrick's
May 23, Mt. Holly, N. J.	Guy Darrah	67	Meadowview
June 4, Roxbury, Mass	Leon Hildreth Parker	74	Meadowview
July 10, Worcester, Mass.	John D. Armstrong	65	St. Patrick's
July 12, Las Vegas, Nev.	Catherine Billings	66	St. Patrick's
July 13, Manchester	Caroline Marcia Hubley	2	Meadowview
Aug. 22, Goffstown	Albert Hubley	67	Meadowview
Aug. 26, Lowell, Mass.	Perley H. Clegg, Sr.	61	Meadowview
Sept. 1, Manchester	Marilyn Carla Hubley	3	Meadowview
Sept. 10, Milford	Frank John Gaidmore	80	St. Patrick's
Sept. 17, Boston, Mass.	Sally Hubley	2	Meadowview
Sept. 17, Boston Mass.	Linda Hubley	4	Meadowview
Sept. 30, Andover, Mass.	Lloyd E. Cameron	75	Meadowview
Oct. 3, E. Derry	Etta Almina Gilson	93	Meadowview
Oct. 14, Boston, Mass.	Virginia Hubley	1	Meadowview
Nov. 10, Goffstown	Alti Maude Oliver	84	Meadowview
Nov. 27, East Weare	Ralph Lawrence Patten	14	Meadowview
Dec. 2, Nashua	Stanley Herbert Brown	54	Meadowview
Dec. 5, Canada	Hector C. McNeil	20	St. Patrick's
Dec. 24, Nashua	Herman Bourke	63	St. Patrick's

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL NOTE:

To residents receiving mail via R. F. D. PLEASE give Amherst as place of residence as well as your mailing address. This will be helpful especially in recording Vital Statistics.

Reports of
Ways and Means
Committee

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ways and Means Committee has considered each item in the Town and School Budgets and the Warrants. We have conferred with the Selectmen, the School Board, other Town officials, and department representatives to enable us to make recommendations both equitable and in the continued good interest of the Town.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of these Town and School Officers and Department Personnel.

TOWN WARRANT

Article 1:

No comment necessary.

Article 2:

We recommend approval of each item of the Town Budget and offer comments on some of the items as follows:

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES:

This being a State and National election year, this item must be increased.

EXPENSES, TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS: Since no special appropriation for the Town Hall renovation is deemed necessary this year, other than the \$500 requested in Article 21, the \$200 increase in this item is considered as a reasonable amount needed to maintain the good state of repair and appearance.

FIRE DEPT. AND HYDRANT RENTAL: Last year's fire bill of \$1990 was unusually high but increase in this item in the Fire Dept. budget to an estimated \$1500 was considered to be prudent. This accounts for the increase in the total budget. We trust the expenditure may not be necessary.

LIBRARIES: Refer to the report of Trustees of the Town Library. This extra evening a week, during the school year, is particularly intended for the high school students for research or reference work which cannot be done during school hours. We do indeed recommend the value of it.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: Without going into publication of names, our Selectmen have reason to expect we will be called upon, or may be called upon, to contribute an additional amount to this assistance administered by the State. It should be remembered that our portion is one-fourth of the whole.

Article 3:

We recommend approval.

Article 4:

We recommend approval, although we feel even a 2% discount could be offered, which would be somewhat less futile and yet cost the Town less than it pays in interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose. Ways and Means Committees of previous years have objected to this expenditure as being of no significant value to the Town. We have discovered no reason to change this view.

Article 6:

We recommend approval. It will be noted that this special appropriation is \$500 more than was appropriated in the last several years for this purpose. The Road Agent proposed the elimination of a particularly hazardous condition at the junction of two roads

in the vicinity of the Lake, involving a severe hump and curve. The equipment and time needed to do this job would reasonably require this additional expenditure. However, we do not believe the appropriation of this additional amount this year should be considered a precedent for future road improvement programs.

Article 7:

We recommend approval. We further recommend that in the future this be entered as an item in the budget entitled "Capital Reserve Fund - Fire Equipment."

Article 8:

We recommend approval. The sum is approximately \$210. Together with the unexpended portion of last year's special appropriation for Town Hall renovation, which was intended largely for renovation of the stage area, including a new curtain, this should be most welcome toward acquiring the long-overdue new curtain.

Article 9:

Although the plans for the Anniversary Celebration this year are apparently not progressed sufficiently enough to determine just how much advance funds are required, they do include a brochure or program and we feel this amount should be raised and set aside by the Selectmen as a working fund to initiate the Celebration.

Article 10:

We recommend approval. Expenditures for repairs to this mower have exceeded \$200 in total for the past two years and shut-down time is hampering the work. Further breakdowns are inevitable and good economy would dictate replacement.

Article 11:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose this year. In its place we recommend approval of Article 14.

Article 12:

We recommend approval.

Article 13:

We recommend approval, providing, of course, that the amendment provisions contained in Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance are met by Town Meeting day.

Article 14:

We recommend approval. Since the Town has a statutory obligation to furnish land for cemeteries and this plot of land is offered at this time for what would seem to be a reasonable price, we should take the opportunity to secure it. The Sexton points out that only about 15 lots are presently available. Only the Lord knows how soon we may need more lots. Our suggestion is to put off the filling of the land on the west side (see Article 11) and acquire additional, suitable land now.

Article 15:

We recommend approval.

Article 16:

We recommend approval. These two jobs require considerable travel over the course of a year in other than Fire Dept. vehicles and these increases will help to compensate for out-of-pocket expenses.

Article 17:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

Articles 18, 19, and 20:

Recommendation on these articles is contingent upon action taken on Article 17. Providing the Town voted in favor of Article 17, we would recommend approval of Articles 18, 19, and 20.

Article 21:

We recommend approval. The drive for law enforcement, especially on the highways, is bringing an ever-increasing case load to our Municipal Court. To avoid the stigma of "kangaroo," it is proposed to furnish the Selectmen's Room (in this case serving also as our Court) with a decent table (the "Bench"), sufficient good chairs, State flag, and adequate lighting. We also suggest the Moderator appoint the Justices to assist and advise the Selectmen in carrying out this proposal.

Article 22:

We recommend approval.

Article 23:

In view of its far-reaching effect, we recommend discussion of the proposal, but that no final action be taken at this time. We suggest the appointment of a Zoning Committee to study its full effect, hold a hearing or hearings, and bring in a recommendation at a special or adjourned Town Meeting.

Article 24:

We recommend approval of this article with the inclusion of the words "at no expense to the town" inserted after the word "constructed." We repeat the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee, with regard to Article 13 of the 1959 Town Warrant, in that the functions of the Planning Board be defined to include setting up and publishing regulations to cover minimum standards for Road and Building construction.

SCHOOL WARRANT

Articles 1 Through 7:

No comment necessary.

Article 8:

We recommend approval of the School Budget and offer the following comments on some of the items:

ADMINISTRATION: Items 2, 4, and 5 reflect Amherst's share in increased salaries and administrative costs voted by the Supervisory Union. Item 3 reflects an expected increase in enrollment of 34 pupils.

TEACHERS' SALARIES: The \$1700 increase represents the planned 4% increase instituted two years ago, applying to 9 of the 14 teachers.

SALARIES OF CUSTODIANS: An increase of \$100 in the new Custodian's salary and the necessity of providing janitor services at the Lunch Program in the Town Hall at a cost of \$288 accounts for the increase in this item.

HEALTH SUPERVISION: Increase in this item results from increase in the District Nurse's salary to which we contribute on the Union basis.

TUITION: An increase from \$320 to \$340 per pupil in Milford's tuition rate, with an expected enrollment of 132 pupils next year, plus \$1000 for State wards, accounts for this increase.

RETIREMENT: The increase in teachers' salaries naturally leads to increase in retirement fund contributions which are on a percentage basis.

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS: The decrease in this item is accounted for by the fact that last year's budget included a non-recurring item of \$600 for a fence along the Clark School line.

This year's allotment will be used almost entirely for continuance of the painting program, in and out.

NEW EQUIPMENT: Includes five new desks at \$18 each, plus science equipment for which Federal funds are available, which must be matched by local funds — \$610.

ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL RECEIPTS: The unusually high figure in this item is principally accounted for by a credit of \$8,000 in tuition charges due to 33 pupils dropping out of our school system.

Article 9:

At this writing, we have no figures available on which to base a recommendation.

Article 10:

We recommend approval.

Article 11:

We recommend approval.

HOWARD L. HUSMER, Chairman
G. KENNETH EATON
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
KEITH A. NOBLE
EPWORTH S. MOULTON
WALTER O. HANSEN
ROBERT H. CURRIER

Amherst
School Reports

for the Year Ending June 30, 1959

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1959-60

Mr. Prentice Shethar, school board Term Expires 1960

Mr. James Walker, school board Term Expires 1961

Mr. James Enright, school board Term Expires 1962

Mr. Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
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Miss Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher
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Mrs. Charlotte M. Dreyer	Clerk and Treasurer
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Mr. Creeley Buchanan	Moderator
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Alexandre Law, M.D.	School Physician
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Mrs. Marion Gangloff	School Nurse
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Mr. Donald Young	Truant Officer
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School Calendar — 1959-60

Begin	Close
Wed., Sept. 9, 1959	Wed., December 23, 1959
Monday, January 4, 1960	Friday, February 19, 1960
Monday, February 29, 1960	Friday, April 22, 1960
Monday, May 2, 1960	Approx. Fri., June 17, 1960

Holidays:

October 15-16 — Teachers' Convention

November 26-27 — Thanksgiving

School closes at 12:15 p. m. — November 25

May 30 — Memorial Day

School Calendar — 1960-61

Sept. 7 (Wed.) - Dec. 21 (Wed.) (Nov. 24, 25)	74 days
Jan. 3 (Tues.) - Feb. 17 (Fri.)	34 days
Feb. 27 (Mon.) - Apr. 21 (Fri.)	40 days
May 1 (Mon.) - Approx. June 23 (Fri.) (Memorial Day, May 30)	37 days

	185 days

Schools close at 12:15 on November 23 — Teachers' Convention.

October 20-21 — School will close to encourage teachers to attend their Convention. The closing date will be revised as the number of days for convention, workshop, or bad weather is known. Under any conditions, schools will close at the end of 180 pupil days.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fourth day of March 1960, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.
9. To see what sum the district will vote to raise

and appropriate to convert the boiler at the Brick School from coal to oil, adding the necessary controls to make it automatic, and the storage tank.

10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, any or all grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or from the State of New Hampshire or from any other source.

11. To see if the district will appoint a Committee of at least five and not more than seven citizens to study the advisability of building added facilities or transferring grades 7 and 8 to Milford on a tuition basis; said committee to render their report to the School Board prior to January 1, 1961.

12. To see if the district will vote to adopt the non-partisan ballot system of electing its district officers as provided in Chapter 59:73,77,79-86. R.S.A. of New Hampshire.

13. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 13th day of February 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

PRENTICE SHETHAR, JR.,
JAMES R. WALKER,
JAMES F. ENRIGHT,

School Board.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1959

EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	\$148,921 98	
Capital Outlay:		
Additions and improvements	1,200 00	
New equipment	630 00	
Debt and interest	8,279 66	
Special Appropriations:		
Contingency	1,500 00	
Preliminary planning	200 00	
Deficiency	1,000 00	
Total Appropriation	-----	\$161,731 64

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance, June 30, 1959 (Est.)		
Building Aid (Est.)	\$ 2,490 00	
Trust Funds (Est.)	420 00	
Contingency	1,500 00	
Assessment Required to meet		
School District Appropriation	157,321 64	
Total Appropriation	-----	\$161,731 64

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the School District of Amherst held March 6, 1959.

CHARLOTTE M. DREYER,
Clerk.

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

EXPENDITURES BY ITEMS

	Adopted Budget 1958-59	Actual Payments 1958-59	Adopted Budget 1959-60	Proposed Budget 1960-61
Administration:				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,197.70	1,357.80
3. Per Capita Tax	798.00	798.00	888.00	956.00
4. Salaries of Adm. Personnel	1,335.00	1,335.00	1,678.70	1,958.40
5. Administration	610.00	652.64	760.50	772.70
Instruction:				
6. Teachers' Salaries	53,480.00	51,842.00	60,722.40	66,123.47
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	1,360.00	1,472.33	1,665.00	1,687.50
8. Scholars' Supplies	1,700.00	2,243.16	2,035.00	2,062.50
9. Music Instruction		544.80		
10. Supplies and other Instructional Expenses	800.00	720.45	900.00	987.50
Operation of School Plant:				
11. Salaries of Custodians	3,700.00	3,823.31	3,800.00	4,188.00
12. Fuel or Heat	2,100.00	1,631.27	2,100.00	2,100.00
13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	1,600.00	2,074.49	1,800.00	1,850.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
14. Repairs and Replacements	400.00	680.64	800.00	700.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
15. Health Supervision	839.80	818.35	884.00	975.80
16. Transportation	13,000.00	13,000.00	14,750.00	14,750.00
17. Tuition	35,375.34	36,456.89	44,800.00	45,880.00
18. Special Activities	200.00	1,664.66	200.00	200.00

Fixed Charges:				
19. Retirement	4,068.70		4,868.97	5,622.23
20. Insurance	1,089.64		1,039.71	1,039.71
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and Improvements to Buildings	900.00		1,200.00	800.00
23. New Equipment		565.00	630.00	700.00
Other Charges:				
25. Principal of Debt	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,000.00
26. Interest on Debt	482.44		279.66	89.45
27. Contingency	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Expenditures		\$135,984.96	\$156,831.64	\$163,633.06
Estimated or Actual Receipts		4,420.00	4,410.00	12,660.00
Estimated or Actual Amount to be Raised and Appropriated		\$130,350.92	\$152,421.64	\$150,973.06

REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959)

CHARLOTTE M. DREYER, Treasurer,
In account with the School District of Amherst.

Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 53 13
Board of Selectmen:	
Current appropriation as of March, 1958	130,297 79
Special Appropriation	1,000 00
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	2,490 00
Federal Funds	1,522 06
Other:	
Tuition	239 00
Trust Funds	426 46
Other Income	47 20

Total	\$136,075 64

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Payments on order of School Board	\$136,032 16
Cash on hand June 30, 1959	43 48

Total	\$136,075 64

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

As we all know, the general inflationary cycle and accompanying cost of living and doing business are still with us. You will note in reviewing the school budget that there are increases in many items but we have made every effort within reason to keep expenses down.

In a response to a request of the Ways and Means Committee, we have made a thorough study of the merit system for paying teachers' salaries and its possible adaptability to Amherst. We do not recommend it based on monetary rewards at the present time for several reasons:

A. It is extremely difficult to devise a score sheet that accurately reflects the range of excellence of the various teaching skills.

B. If it is not properly applied, it discriminates against the average teacher by being used in conjunction with an inadequate salary schedule.

C. A review of the history of merit systems shows that in the past 25 years, all have been rejected within five years except for one.

D. Complete cooperation of faculty and administration in setting up and operating the system is a must and this is most difficult to obtain.

E. Teachers do not expect to receive additional compensation for doing well that which they have contracted to do at a stated salary.

However, we have worked out with our teachers an evaluation program, but it is not used for determining individual salaries, nor is it connected with monetary merit awards. It is basically a self-improvement program based on ratings of various factors connected with the teaching profession. The evaluation work is carried out by the principal, helping teacher, superintendent, plus the teachers rating themselves. This is ac-

complished once before January 15th and again before May 1st each school year.

As it will probably take at least a year to determine how the above program is going to work out, we do not recommend changing the base or starting rate of our salary schedule which is \$3,700 to \$3,900 for the year 1960 and 1961 as suggested in Mr. Bowley's report. This does put us in a lower salary bracket in comparison with the surrounding towns, but we feel it is the time to really study the results of our teachers' work before recommending any further across the board increases. We do point out that with our schedule, nine members of our faculty of fourteen will receive increases of approximately 4%. After a year of further study of the evaluation program, the School Board will make recommendations on action to be taken at that time with respect to the salary schedule.

The town of Milford has received authorization to expand their school facilities to take care of their own growing school population plus high school students from Amherst and Mont Vernon. There is also consideration being given by the Milford School Board regarding the possibility of taking seventh and eighth grade students from the two towns. In connection with this expansion, there will be a change in the Milford curriculum both at the elementary and high school levels to a plan known as 6-3-3 which will go into effect September 1, 1961. This means that grades 1-6 will be considered as the elementary section, grades 7-9 as the junior high school, and grades 10-12 as high school. There will be provision for expanded and accelerated courses starting with the 7th grade under this program. In order for our high school students not to be at a disadvantage when entering, it will be necessary for us to have a similar program in these grades. After discussing the above and the increase in the size of the Amherst student body by 1965 with the population growth committee, it became apparent

that our tuition costs plus transportation for sending students from grades 7 through 12 to Milford would be roughly between \$90,000 to \$100,000 a year. Due to the many financial, curriculum, building, and transportation problems connected with the above changes, we are asking the district to appoint a committee to study and make recommendations on some of the following possibilities as well as others which may arise:

1. Sending the 7th and 8th grades to Milford.
2. Building sufficient additional rooms to keep the two grades in Amherst.
3. An accelerated program for these grades including the necessary teaching staff and equipment to carry out the same.
4. A junior high school in Amherst composed of grades 7 - 9 on an accelerated program.
5. Consolidation with surrounding towns to take care of our high school requirements.

Prior to completion of the study, the committee may find it necessary to call a district meeting to get the opinion of the voters on certain important considerations. The report must be completed by January 1, 1961, so that building plans can be started immediately or Milford notified of action being taken.

During the past several years, the Ways and Means Committee has suggested we compare the cost of insuring the school district property with a stock company versus that of a mutual company. For those of you who are not familiar with our present company, it might be well to mention at this point that it is, and has been for some time, with a stock company. It was felt some saving might be realized by placing the insurance with a mutual company rather than a stock company as it is customary for the mutual companies to pay a yearly dividend. We sent letters to several

Amherst residents who are in the insurance business and to a Milford agent who is currently handling our policy, inviting them to submit quotations. We have given thorough consideration to all bids submitted and note that the basic rates are comparable. The fact that the mutual companies pay a dividend is more than offset by these features favoring the present company:

A. Thorough and frequent building inspections by competent engineers with reports containing recommendations for correcting conditions not meeting standards.

B. Continuous reduction in rates per \$100 of insurance from 1953 to date.

C. History of claim settlements in Amherst and country-wide is excellent.

D. Our present carrier has been helpful in generally reducing the fire rates in town and acting in an advisory capacity to the School Board.

Because of the above mentioned considerations, we recommend keeping our insurance with the present company.

The reason for the article in the warrant regarding the boiler in the Brick School is that it would seem desirable to consider converting the present coal fired boiler to oil fired automatic heat. By doing this, the following would be accomplished:

A. Eliminate a broad range of temperature changes within a room thereby making more comfortable conditions for studying.

B. Improve health conditions.

C. Reduce general heat loss throughout the building.

D. Reduce fuel consumption during winter as well as in the spring and fall.

E. Eliminate necessity for custodian being in building at odd hours and thereby allowing him to devote more time to regular work.

In conjunction with this problem, we are also considering installing an exhaust fan which will draw the proper amount of air from each room through ventilating ducts which are installed but not working properly. A complete study is being made on both projects by a registered heating engineer who is sending us a report which will include the cost of proposed changes. This survey will be completed in time to present the figures for your consideration at the district meeting.

The School Board wants to express its appreciation for the excellent work of our teachers, school nurse, art and music supervisors, the helping teacher — Miss Connolly, and Superintendent Bowley in the field of education. They have been of great help in giving the Board professional advice during the year.

We trust that you will give the needs and problems of the public school serious consideration in the light of today's educational requirements and request your cooperation in meeting the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

PRENTICE SHETHAR, JR.,
JAMES R. WALKER,
JAMES F. ENRIGHT,

School Board.

ADMINISTRATION — SUPERINTENDENT

I herewith present my 21st annual report, consisting of this discussion together with other reports printed herewith:

Schools Are Big Business

The following table indicates what size this Supervisory Union has become. One needs only to add this to the other Supervisory Unions in this State and then to the other States to understand the magnitude of Schools as a Business in this Country. Since this unit and New Hampshire is so small as compared with hundreds of others, it is no wonder many people do not realize what goes on here or in the Nation with respect to education.

1958 - 59				
District	No. of Pupils	No. of Teachers	No. of Schools	Total Expenditures
Amherst	* 368	12	2	\$136,032.16
Brookline	* 123	4	2	57,125.20
Hollis	375	17	2	131,526.97
Milford	1143	46	3	339,779.36
Mont Vernon	* 79	3	1	35,295.04
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	2088	82	10	\$699,758.73

*Does not include Tuition Pupils to other Districts.

Adding the pupils Brookline sends to Nashua to the 2088 listed above and dividing, we find an over-all pupil cost of approximately \$325. Readers may think this is high. If so, we must compare this with reported costs in New Hampshire of \$388.72. Since our costs are part of this latter figure and are lower, then there must be many school units with a higher pupil cost in order to arrive at the \$388.72 figure.

Salaries

Item 6 of the Budget refers to the Teacher's Salaries and constitutes the largest amount in the total. For

some time now, we have tried to consider salaries on a percentage basis, using a beginner's starting-salary as 100% and advancing each year by 4% for varying numbers of years. At the present, this starting-salary is \$3700. Teachers of experience receive more by some 4% to 32%. We have three classes of preparation: 1. Those without a degree— whose salaries may range from 92% to 116% of the base. 2. Those with a Bachelor's degree — 100% to 124%. 3. Those with a Master's degree — 108% to 132%. Not all the districts have all of these features, all have some of them.

Now I feel the base must be changed and have recommended in my budgets to School Boards, \$3900 as the 100% base. Our study of salaries prompts these rewards to justify this base.

A. Beginners next September will demand and get much more than the present \$3700.

B. The average salaries of classroom teachers this year are:

National average	\$5025.
Mass. average	\$5100.
N. H. average	\$4356.
S.U. No. 40 median	\$4144.

Our median is thus \$212 lower than N. H.'s average, \$956 lower than Mass. (our greatest competitor) and \$881 lower than the National average.

C. Massachusetts will be on a \$4000 minimum for 1960-61 — this by law. (A nearby district in N. H. is already on this minimum.)

D. The average starting pay of women college graduates of 1957 (three years ago — when our base salary was \$3200):

Chemist	\$4847.	Mathematics	\$4675.
Nurse	\$3875.	Teachers	\$3799.
All occupations	\$3739.		

E. Therefore, to compete for and to maintain the adequate teaching staff this Union expects, I recommend an increase in the base of \$200. This would bring us up to challenging distance of present scales and maintain a status quo; an increase of \$300. would allow this Union to compete for teaching services with the expected increase in states and districts surrounding us.

The Staff

Some changes have taken place since the last report, two by teachers leaving and two by additional positions. Mrs. Gagnon and Mrs. Young are no longer with us. In their places, we have Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Wilcox. Mrs. Jane Knowlton and Mr. Kelley are the two additional members of our Staff. Mr. William Childs returns to his former Art position, replacing Mr. Parente.

The Future

Someone has said that we must look to the future because that is where we will spend the rest of our lives. Therefore, we make a budget for the future, we look into the years to come and examine our needs.

A need or not — it seems to me necessary to plot now the course Amherst school-organization is to take for the near future. If grade 7 and 8 are to be retained, what effect that may have upon housing arrangements for all grades? If grades 7 and 8 are to be transported to Milford, what are the costs (at home or transported), what are the advantages and disadvantages? Comparison of expected program in Amherst with Milford?

Federal funds for Science and Mathematics Equipment have been available for matching this year and much good equipment has been purchased this year. More is anticipated for next year and a budget item for matching is included. Also a new motion picture projector is contemplated if my budget is approved.

Continuous painting or re-decorating is an estab-

lished policy. I hope you continue on a plan to keep the rooms in good condition.

I am deeply grateful to the School Board, Teachers and Citizens for their continued good efforts and interest in the schools.

Respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

January 20, 1960

OUR HELPING TEACHER

Individual Differences Among Children in Supervisory Union No. 40

In spite of what we would like to believe, all children are not created equal. There is nothing we can do to alter that fact. But all children are entitled to an equal opportunity to be educated, regardless of the inequalities of their creation. The educational program in this union is continually improving in ways and means of doing this. However, we must continue to find better ways.

A study of the results of our recent testing program shows very clearly many of these inequalities. It will also give some indication of the many problems encountered by our teachers in attempting to give an equal education to all their children.

Consider the following table as a means of classifying individuals according to their ability:

Below I.Q. 75 — Retarded, needing special education.

I.Q. 75-85 — Slow learner, requiring extra time and extra help.

I.Q. 86-119 — Range of slow to average to rapid learners.

I.Q. 120-140 — Rapid learners, including gifted, needing enrichment or possible acceleration.

I.Q. 141 and over — Gifted to genius, needing special education.

Of a total of 861 children in this Union in grades two, three, four, and five tested this year,

19 scored I.Q. 74 or less

40 scored between I.Q. 75 and 85

562 scored between I.Q. 86 and 119

223 scored between I.Q. 120 and 140

17 scored between I.Q. 141 and 162

We realize that no test is infallible and that for some children it is but a rough estimate of their ability. In any case this survey has many implications for us.

1. A program designed to meet the needs of the average group cares for most of the children.
2. To be most effective an educational program must meet the requirements of all children.
3. Those children at either extreme should have a special program.
4. The grouping of children according to their needs is a way of providing for their differences.

While the program for caring for the gifted within our present classroom structure is increasingly productive there seems to be no good solution to the problems of the retarded. It seems hardly fair to anyone concerned that these children are not given the special type of education which is impossible to find in a regular classroom. It requires a specially trained teacher, special materials and consideration to give these children the equal educational opportunity they deserve. There are enough of them to warrant a special, but not segregated, classroom somewhere within this union. It is a real challenge. What can we do about it?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Boards, Superintendent, parents and associates for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 19, 1960

To Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Harold C. Bowley,
Members of the Amherst School Board, and Citizens
of Amherst:

Following is my second report to you of the Amherst Elementary Schools.

We have to date 373 students in the Clark and Brick Schools. This represents an increase of about 15 over last year. A point of interest, it represents an increase of 180 over ten years ago in the first eight grades, or about 18 per year. These students are in 13 classrooms for an average of 29 per room. We have added another class to the Clark School, held in the basement room, and taught by Mrs. Richard Wilcox, a teacher new to Amherst but with eighteen years of experience. Mrs. Wilcox replaced Mrs. Virginia Young at Thanksgiving time. Mrs. Young left for family reasons. Another new teacher at the Clark School is Mrs. Carl Knowlton who is teaching first grade. Mrs. Knowlton has had three years experience. She is a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College.

The other teachers at the Clark School are: Mrs. Dwight Brown, first and second combination; Mrs. Elmer Greenhalgh, second grade; Mrs. George McGee, third grade; Mrs. George Kittredge, third and fourth grade combination; and Miss Charlotte Boutelle, fourth grade.

At the Brick School, the classes are as they were last year with few exceptions. Mrs. Kenneth Wheeler has come back after a year's absence to take Mrs. Eva Gagnon's place as fifth and sixth grade combination teacher. Mrs. Gagnon moved to New Ipswich. Mr. Francis Kelley was hired to teach math and science in the Junior High to replace Mr. Groves for full time supervision and administration as Principal. Mr. Kelley

is a graduate of St. Anselm's College. The other teachers are: Mrs. Dwight Richardson, fifth grade teacher; Mrs. Robert Bickford, sixth grade teacher; Mr. Alden Hoyt, junior high English teacher, baseball and basketball coach; and Mr. John Karakostas, junior high social studies and science teacher.

Mr. John Bowler left in October to accept a position with the N. H. Highway Department, and Mr. Merton Byrd was hired to replace him as janitor for the schools.

Mr. John Progris left in the spring of last year and was replaced by Mr. Laszlo Kertesz, who is the Director of Music at High Mowing School in Wilton. Mr. Kertesz has done a remarkable job with the children with musical instruments, and through his efforts we have had the pleasure of listening to a concert in the Town Hall at Christmas. Mr. Kertesz has also been able to secure instruments for the band at greatly reduced prices through government surplus.

Miss Wheeler teaches singing in each of the grades once a week, and in the junior high she has formed a glee club of thirty-five members. It was through Miss Wheeler's efforts that our graduation program last June had such fine music. She spent many hours with the eighth graders getting them ready for the closing exercises in June. At the closing exercises in June we awarded 28 diplomas to those who had completed eighth grade work.

Mrs. Gill left nursing in the school district during the summer, and Mrs. Scott Gangloff has taken over those duties.

Mr. William Childs has returned from a tour of duty in the Army and resumed his position as Director of Art in Amherst and Milford. Mr. Ralph Parente, who was filling in while Mr. Childs was gone, has resumed his studies at Penn State.

Mr. Malcolm Clark has contributed a great deal indirectly to the education of the children in Amherst by

his willingness to transport children on educational field trips throughout the state. He has also widened the recreational pleasures of the junior high by transporting them evenings on several occasions. Mr. Clark also transports the Clark School children to and from the cafeteria during inclement weather. I would like to publicly thank him at this time for his gracious services.

The Annex is again serving as a bus depot for the bus students in the morning and afternoon. During the day the building is in almost constant use. People of the Brick School use it for musical instruction; all the art classes are held in the Annex; it is used to show motion pictures, film strip programs, for recreational purposes, and many other uses.

If some of you in the village have wondered why you haven't heard the bell atop the Brick School lately, it is because the T.E.A. has purchased and had installed in the school a new electric bell system.

I would like to say at this time that it is my sincere belief that Amherst has a very good school system. A pupil who maintains a good scholastic average through the eight grades in Amherst Elementary Schools need not fear for his academic ability in competition with pupils from other schools. He will receive more than sufficient background to hold his own. The school's curriculum, teaching staff, and pupil-record compare more than favorably with other schools in over-all comparison.

To keep the situation growing and improving, many of your teachers have been taking courses on their own time and showing a willingness to advance and to use their individual talents to improve your school.

Another step, quite recently undertaken, is a program of self-evaluation for personal improvement. This evaluation is done by the teacher himself and by the supervisors and administrators. A summary is then

made available to the teacher for his use in determining need for improvement. It is through such action and programs that the educational system here in Amherst has progressed to an academic level that we can be proud of.

I would like to express my thanks and sincere appreciation to the Superintendent, Amherst School Board, teachers, and all others connected in any way with the schools, who have so loyally supported our school program.

Sincerely,
JOHN S. GROVES,
Principal.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$136,028 44
TOTAL PAYMENTS	135,984 96
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Cash balance, June 30, 1959	\$ 43 48

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 1,522 06
State Aid:	
School Building Aid	2,490 00
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	131,297 79
From Sources other than Taxation:	
Tuitions	239 00
Trust Funds	426 46
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$135,975 31
Cash on hand July 1, 1958	53 13
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Grand Total	\$136,028 44

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

James Enright, school board	\$18 75	
Prentice Shethar, school board	75 00	
James Walker, school board	75 00	
Curtis Worthen, school board	56 25	
Charlotte M. Dreyer, treasurer	56 25	
Charlotte M. Dreyer, clerk	24 75	
Creeley S. Buchanan, moderator	6 00	
Orson Bragdon, auditor	10 00	
George Howard, auditor	10 00	
	-----	\$ 332 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	1,100 00
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3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita Tax	798 00
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4. Salaries of Other Administration Personnel:

Dorothy Davis, census enumerator \$	50 00	
Donald Young, truant officer	25 00	
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40,		
office clerk and Helping Teacher	1260 00	
	-----	1,335 00

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40,		
office expenses and travel	\$560 00	
1958-59 School Board dues	10 00	
John Groves, office expenses	6 71	
Charlotte M. Dreyer, treas., postage	10 75	
Printing, advertising, etc.	23 75	
Prentice Shethar, stamps	18 00	
Edson C. Eastman	12 00	
N. E. Tel. and Tel.	11 43	
	-----	652 64

INSTRUCTION

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Cynthia Bickford	2934	31
Charlotte Boutelle	3299	22
Rachel Brown	3335	12
Eva Gagnon	3395	44
Sarah Greenhalgh	3262	46
John Groves	4044	02
Alden Hoyt	2989	20
Elma Kittredge	3277	69
John Karakostas	3108	24
Mary McGee	3428	71
Lucy Richardson	2743	66
Virginia Young	2994	95
Elsie Wheeler	615	87
Ralph Parente, Jr.	1399	29
Mrs. Dorothy Davis	162	00
Mrs. Max Holland	84	00
Mrs. Otto Neugebauer	150	00
Mrs. Lucille Palmer	24	00
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	\$41,248	18

Plus deductions for:

National Education Association	\$ 65	00
Insurance	208	52
Income tax	6666	00
Retirement	1958	20
Blue Cross	601	20
Social Security	1028	65
Local dues	10	50
N. H. Education Association	56	00
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	\$10,594	07
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	51,842	25
7. Textbooks:		
Elementary		1,472 33

8. Scholars' Supplies		
Elementary	2,243	16
9. Salaries of Others	544	80
10. Other Expenses of Instruction:		
Catherine Hammond, lip reading	\$250	00
Other expenses	470	45
	-----	720 45

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Custodians:		
John Bowler	***3,823	31
***This amount includes deductions for:		
Income tax	\$288.00	
Social Security	\$108.00	
12. Fuel or Heat:		
Elementary	1,631	27
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:		
Elementary	2,074	49

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements:		
Elementary	680	64

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:		
Alexandre Law, M.D.	\$200	00
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40,		
Nurse salary	564	80
Supplies	53	55
	-----	818 35
16. Transportation:		
Elementary	\$8670	00
High School	4330	00
	-----	13,000 00

17. Tuition:

Concord School District	\$ 375 00	
Goffstown School District	231 00	
Milford School District	35,340 21	
Manchester School District	510 68	
	-----	36,456 89

18. Other Special Activities:

School Lunch	\$1522 06	
Other special activities	142 60	
	-----	1,664 66

FIXED CHARGES**19. Retirement:**

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40	\$ 112 61	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	3691 92	
	-----	3,804 53

20. Insurance:

Harland H. Holt		1,013 73
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CAPITAL OUTLAY**22. Additions and Improvements:**

Amherst Tree Committee	\$ 65 00	
Reginald Going	500 00	
	-----	565 00

23. New Equipment:

Paris Manufacturing Co.	\$527 70	
Philip Morris & Co.	180 00	
Cascade School Supplies	10 62	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	210 70	
	-----	929 02

25. Principal of Debt

8,000 00

26. Interest on Debt

482 44

Total Payments		----- \$135,984 96
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BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1959

ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1959	\$ 43 48
Net Debt (excess of liabilities over assets)	14,956 52
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TOTAL	\$15,000 00

LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding	\$15,000 00
Indebtedness June 30, 1959	
Clark School Additions	\$15,000 00

PRENTICE SHETHAR,
JAMES WALKER,

School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

2½ Story Brick School	\$59,000 00
Park Street School Building	6,500 00
Clark School	64,700 00
Contents	8,000 00
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Total	\$138,200 00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,

Auditors.

OUR TEACHERS

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Exp. Here	Total Exp.
Cynthia Bickford	Grade 6	2	4
Charlotte Boutelle	Grade 4	34	36
Rachel Brown	Grades 1 & 2	9½	13
Sarah Greenhalgh	Grade 2	11	15
John Groves	Principal	2	6
Alden Hoyt	Grades 7 & 8	4	4
John Karakostas	Grades 7 & 8	2	2
Francis Kelley	Grades 7 & 8	1	1
Elma Kittredge	Grades 3 & 4	9	15
Jane Knowlton	Grade 1	1	3
Mary McGee	Grade 3	15	21
Lucy Richardson	Grade 5	2½	2½
William Childs	Art	3	3
Elsie Wheeler	Music	26	28
Marion Wilcox	Grade 3	¾	19¾
Laszlo Kertesz	Orchestra	1¼	12

SALARIES — 1958-59

a. Superintendent

State's Share		\$2,500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$1,100 00	
Brookline	357 50	
Hollis	907 50	
Milford	2,832 50	
Mont Vernon	302 50	
	-----	5,500 00
		\$8,000 00

b. Helping Teacher

State's Share		\$2,500 00
Local Share:		
Amherst	\$ 720 00	
Brookline	234 00	
Hollis	594 00	
Milford	1,854 00	
Mont Vernon	198 00	
	-----	3,600 00

		\$6,100 00

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1958-59

Dr. Alexandre Law, M.D., Examiner
(Mrs.) Virginia Gill, R.N., School Nurse

The total number of children examined	205
Tuberculosis Tests	127
Chest X-rays	3

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Tonsils and Adenoids	8	6
Defective Teeth	36	30
Cardiac Disease	1	1
Orthopedic	4	2
Acne	1	1
Defective Vision	13	10
Defective Hearing	2	2
Defective Scalp	1	1

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Pediculosis	21
Mononucleosis	2
Impetigo	2

Pre-School Clinics:

May 18 and 19 — No. Examined	40
Number Home Visits by School Nurse	56

SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On the basis of September 1, 1959 census figures of all children of school and pre-school age and an analysis of the growth which has continued since previous year's census, your committee would normally, at this time, recommend the addition of two more rooms to the Clark School for the start of classes in 1961. Our classrooms are becoming crowded and some of the teaching load is abnormally heavy. Use has been made of the over-flow room in the Clark School and practically everything will be up to capacity for the year 1960-61.

However, as your School Board points out, the town is faced with making a decision which may involve sending pupils from our seventh and eighth grades, to Milford, as tuition students. An alternative to this is that sufficient facilities be provided in Amherst for handling our grades seven through nine as a Junior High School. There is much to be said for this latter plan from the long range point of view even though we might end up with some kind of consolidation scheme with other towns; we must recognize that the capacity of the Brick School will have to be replaced over some period of years.

The economics and other possible advantages of the above or other methods for improving our school system should be thoroughly investigated. For some time it has been the feeling of a good many members of our school community that the State could help to improve the cost of operating relatively small schools, such as we have in Amherst and Milford, by providing regional vocational schools. This would tend to eliminate the costly shop and specialized-activity rooms and teaching staff while providing better facilities in the regional schools. Milford might be the base of such a regional school to which, in the case of Amherst, those students who chose vocational training could be sent as tuition students.

It should not be forgotten, also, that there is still an underlying need for consolidation with the School systems of other towns and that this should be kept in mind by anyone considering our year to year problems. Where advanced thinking has brought about such consolidations in other areas and states, the gain in school standards has been great.

We recommend, therefore, that the School Board, with supplementary help if necessary, be instructed to make a thorough study of all possibilities for handling, adequately, our increasing school population and to bring to a Special School District Meeting, or to the next regular meeting, as they see fit, their recommendations for a program.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND FRASER,
OTTO NEUGEBAUER,
ROBERT CURRIER.

SCHOOL CENSUS

	Age as of Sept. 1, 1959	Total	Boys	Girls	No. Attending Public School
Under	1	44	29	15	
	1	45	24	21	
	2	41	19	22	
	3	45	29	16	
	4	42	17	25	
	5	49	23	26	11
	6	39	16	23	38
	7	57	33	24	56
	8	50	24	26	49
	9	47	27	20	46
	10	48	25	23	48
	11	41	22	19	41
	12	43	23	20	43
	13	34	19	15	34
	14	53	27	26	45
	15	49	23	26	42
	16	54	34	20	41
	17	36	19	17	27
	18	28	9	19	14
Totals		790	415	375	535

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1958-59

Number of pupils registered during year:	
Boys 202; Girls 166	368
Enrollment by grades:	
I-42; II-63; III-43; IV-48;	
V-45; VI-47; VII-47; VIII-33	368
Average membership in grades 1-8	358.2
Percent of attendance in grades 1-8	93.6
Number not absent or tardy during year	14
Number of sessions in all schools	350
Teaching positions:	
Elementary	12
Part-time Teachers	2

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Four Years: Gail Boutelle

Two Years: Wayne Balcom

School Year — 1958-59

Grade 1: Corrine Duval

Grade 2: Jill Kennedy, Charles Sullivan, Stephen Young

Grade 3: Dean Ladoux, Robert Nichols

Grade 4: Jacqueline Flandreau, Glenn Plummer

Grade 6: Wayne Balcom, Gail Boutelle

Grade 7: Dexter Howe, Alvin Long, Selma Piper

Grade 8: Gary Burgess

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE, 1959**

William S. Cheever	Silas W. Hennessey III
Leonard E. Dean	Marian G. Holland
Tyrone I. Forbes	Vivian M. Jutras
Leon J. Frye	Sandra D. Mack
Susan P. Gidge	Jane L. Wardwell
Robert W. Griffin	Ellen W. Wilson

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATED FROM
EIGHTH GRADE – JUNE, 1959**

Alan Anderson	Russell Harvey
Robert Atkinson	David Herlihy
Earl Avery	Helen Holland
Janice Bratt	Holly Larner
Lutz Brockmoller	David Lynch
Karen Brown	Margaret Michie
Gary Burgess	Peter Moulton
Elizabeth Davis	Bonnie Murray
Charlotte Eaton	Thomas Prince
Arthur Fraser	Wayne Smith
Patricia Gacicia	Gloria Stevens
Peter Gill	Linda Thorell
Alicia Going	Holly Weimont
Lawrence Hall	Marsha Wight

**AMHERST TUITION PUPILS ATTENDING
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL – 1959-60**

Grade 9 – 26	Grade 11 – 25
Grade 10 – 38	Grade 12 – 18

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

March 6, 1959

Meeting was called to order by Creeley S. Buchanan, Moderator, at 8:05 P. M. Rev. Joseph Eaton offered prayer.

The Moderator asked if there no objections he would dispense with the reading of the warrant. No objections.

Article 1. Creeley S. Buchanan was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. Charlotte M. Dreyer was unanimously elected School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. James Enright was unanimously elected member of the School Board for three years.

Article 4. Charlotte M. Dreyer was unanimously elected School Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. Curtis Worthen moved this article be passed — to take it up under School Budget. So Moved.

Article 6. Prentice Shethar moved this article be passed because there were no special reports to be submitted at this time and to accept reports as printed in the Town Report. Carried.

Article 7. George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon were unanimously elected to serve as Auditors for the School District.

Article 8. Prentice Shethar gave a detailed explanation of each item of the Budget from 1 to 5 inclusive. Roland Fraser requested the first five items be accepted under administration. Carried.

Item 6. Teachers Salaries: Prentice Shethar explained in detail the teachers' increase in salaries and also the need for two new teachers. At the time the Town Report was printed one new teacher was suffi-

cient. However, the increase in student participation since the first of the year now warrants two new teachers. Roland Fraser, of the Ways and Means Committee, recommended that the School Board be authorized to hire two new teachers. Curtis Worthen, Chairman of the School Board, made the motion and it was seconded. Carried. This motion changed the School Budget salaries from \$60,722.40 to \$64,422.40. At this time Roland Fraser, representing the Ways and Means Committee, presented their committee finding. They felt a merit rating system put into effect as soon as possible would be of help to the school board on major pay raises, therefore they asked the Ways and Means recommendation. Carried.

Budget items 7 to 16 inclusive were itemized and explained by James Walker. The Ways and Means Committee recommended approval. Carried.

Curtis Worthen explained items 17 to 27 inclusive. The Ways and Means Committee recommended approval. Carried.

Moved that the District raise and appropriate \$158,-347.64 for the support of schools, for the salaries of the School District officials and agents, and for payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Carried.

Article 9. Prentice Shethar moved that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 as a deficiency appropriation payable on or before June 1, 1959, to compensate for increased tuition costs. Ways and Means recommended approval. Carried.

Article 10. James Walker moved that the district

raise and appropriate the sum of \$321.49 to purchase new folding tables for the school lunchroom. The Ways and Means Committee recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose this year. Ways and Means recommendation carried.

Article 11. Curtis Worthen moved that the district authorize the school board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, all grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or from the State of New Hampshire or from any other source. Ways and Means Committee recommend approval. Carried.

Article 12. Prentice Shethar moved that the district, by appointment by the Moderator, appoint a committee of five citizens to study a cooperative school with other districts and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for their use in preparing preliminary plans. Ways and Means Committee recommend approval. Carried.

Article 14. No new business. This article was acted upon before Article 13 because of the request of a recessed meeting in Article 13.

Article 13. James Walker moved that this annual meeting be not adjourned but, instead, recessed to May 2, 1959 at this same place at the hour of eight o'clock P. M. and that consideration of Article 13 of the warrant be deferred until that time. Ways and Means recommend approval. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks and a hearty applause was given Mr. Curtis Worthen for his years of service on the School Board.

Meeting recessed at 11:00 P. M.

CHARLOTTE M. DREYER,
School District Clerk.

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST RECESSED SCHOOL MEETING

May 2, 1959

Meeting was called to order by Creeley S. Buchanan, Moderator, at 8:00 P. M. Harold S. Wilkins, Sr., offered prayer.

At this time the Moderator made two rulings:

1. If a checklist ballot is requested, that a majority vote make a decision.

2. That consideration of Article 13, as voted at the school district meeting March 6, 1959 be acted upon, and that no other discussion take place at this meeting.

James Enright, School Board member, appealed the Moderator's ruling and asked for an open discussion. Mr. Carl Merrill asked for a checklist ballot vote on the appeal. The Moderator ruled that the request for a checklist ballot vote was out of order at this time. After much discussion Mr. Enright's appeal was carried.

In regard to Article 13, James Enright, School Board member and representative of the advisory study committee, gave a detailed explanation of the committee's findings. Following a discussion, it was recommended that Article 13 of the warrant be tabled without action. This action is recommended in view of the uncertainty of votes to be taken on similar articles at other recessed school meetings to be held concurrently with the meeting of Amherst May 2, 1959. This recommendation carried.

That the study committee committee appointed pursuant to Article 12 of the warrant continue in existence in order that it will be available for further study in any direction should the need arise. Carried.

That grades 7 and 8 be sent to Milford on a tuition basis in addition to grades 9 through 12 if Milford votes to continue acceptance of Amherst tuition students. The committee is of the opinion that this would greatly improve the curriculum available to pupils of

grades 7 and 8, and the need for further school building construction in Amherst would be postponed indefinitely. Moved and seconded to table this recommendation indefinitely. Carried.

Leo Lutz moved to reconsider the total school budget appropriation of \$158,347.64. Mrs. Kruger questioned the legality of Mr. Lutz's motion and asked to have the motion restated.

Mr. Lutz restated his motion to reconsider line 6 in the school budget, teachers' salaries, of \$62,238.40. Seconded. Mr. Kruger questioned the legality of this motion, much discussion followed, however Mr. Lutz's motion was carried by a standing vote, 76 to 19.

Following an explanation by Mr. Shethar, chairman of the school board, he recommended adopting the report of the school board, increasing line 6, teachers' salaries, to \$64,422.40.

At this time Roland Fraser read a report on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee, recommending disapproval of the salary increases as proposed by the school board, but did recommend an increase of \$1,050.00 to a total of \$63,288.40 for the amount to be raised and appropriated for the school board in hiring teachers at starting salaries equivalent to those in other towns of the District Union and in providing merited raises where tops of scales on \$3550.00 base have not been reached.

Mr. Harold Wilkins, Sr., moved that the report of the Ways and Means Committee be substituted for the report of the School Board. Seconded.

A discussion followed this motion in which Mr. Shethar read the individual teacher salary figures; two are at the minimum base scale, and the rest are over the base scale. Mr. Wilkins' motion not carried.

It was moved and seconded that recommendation be amended to instruct the school board to study the suggested valuation system and report at the next regular District School Meeting.

Mr. Carl Merrill now moved for a checklist ballot vote on the school board recommendation. The Moderator asked for a standing vote on Mr. Merrill's request. 48 to 36. Carried.

The Moderator appointed the following: Newell Crolius and John Wenzel to distribute ballots; Louis Heaton, Dwight Richardson and James Jones on the Checklist; and Otto Neugebauer, Arnold Wight, Jr., and Harold Wilkins, Jr., as Tellers.

Meeting recessed for the completion of the voting.

The result of the voting was as follows:

Total number of votes cast 98

In favor of recommendation 58

Opposed to recommendation 40

Carried.

No other business was brought before this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

CHARLOTTE M. DREYER,

School District Clerk.

DANGER FROM FIRES IN WOODLANDS

WHAT IS "WOODLAND"?

The term "woodland" is defined by law to include "cut-over land, slash and such other land as bears a sufficient amount of wood growth, wood, weeds, grass or other growth as to be likely to be burned over."

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO

Burn brush, rubbish, grass or other materials when the ground is not covered with snow, without written permission from the Forest Fire Warden.

Throw down lighted matches, cigarettes, or other burning substances from vehicles or otherwise.

Kindle a camp or cooking fire on land of another without written permission from the owner or his agent and verbal permission from the Forest Fire Warden.

Leave an open fire burning unattended.

Fail to report a forest or brush fire that is out of control.

VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO THESE PENALTIES

Anyone letting a fire escape from control, whether or not he has a permit to kindle the fire, is liable for the costs of extinguishing the fire.

Anyone found guilty of dropping inflammable material in or near woodland shall be fined not more than \$25.00.

A person failing to report an uncontrolled brush or forest fire is liable to a fine of not more than \$10.

For kindling a fire in woodland of another without permission of the owner, or for kindling any fire without a permit when a permit is required, a person may be fined not more than \$200, or imprisoned 60 days.

DAMAGES

Every person who shall set fire on any land, that shall run upon the land of another, shall be liable to the owner for all damages done by such fire.

BE SURE — GET A PERMIT

Incinerators should be tight, with a close mesh screen cover, and be on clean ground.

Have incinerators inspected by the Forest Fire Warden and get his written permit.

Open fireplaces used to burn rubbish are classed as incinerators.

PRECAUTIONS

Always clean a space about any open fire to prevent its spread.

Never burn in dry, windy weather.

Burn preferably late in the day and check your fires the next day.

In times of high fire danger, all permits will be cancelled.

IN CASE OF FIRE CALL

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